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FATAH CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETS UNDER 'ARAFAT 27 AUG

JN280707 (Clandestine) Voice of Palestine in Arabic to the Arab World 0530 GMT 28 Aug 79 JN

[Text] The Fatah Central Committee held a meeting yesterday evening in the presence of brother Abu 'Ammar. The Central Committee discussed the political situation on all levels, assessed the UN Security Council meetings, praised outgoing U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Andrew Young's stand, and decided to extend an invitation to U.S. black leaders, including Andrew Young, to visit the Palestinian revolution to get acquainted with the reality of the Palestinian people and the destruction to which southern Lebanon is being subjected by the continued Israeli shelling.

The Fatah Central Committee also discussed the agenda of the nonalined conference scheduled to be held in Havana next month and Palestinian working papers and draft resolutions that will be submitted to the conference by the Palestinian delegation. The Central Committee discussed the results of brother Abu 'Ammar's latest visit to Romania, as well as the visits several brother members of the Fatah Central Committee paid to fraternal Arab countries.

'ARAFAT APPEALS FOR SUPPORT OF PALESTINIANS, LEBANON

JN250724 (Clandestine) Voice of Palestine in Arabic to the Arab World 0530 GMT 25 Aug 79 JN

[Text] PLO Executive Committee Chairman and Commander in Chief of the Palestinian Revolution Forces Abu 'Ammar has addressed an appeal to Arab kings and presidents, the world's conscience and to free and honorable men in the world, asking them to stand by the Palestinian and Lebanese peoples in the face of the vicious Zionist attack and the U.S. weapons of destruction and devastation.

The message says: For more than 5 months, the terrorist Zionist enemy has waged a war of destruction on land, sea and air against Lebanese towns, villages and Palestinian refugee camps, causing massive destruction to these towns, villages and refugee camps, as well as to fields and crops. As a result of this war of blatant aggression, many people are killed daily and hundreds are wounded. Thousands of innocent civilians are rendered homeless. This war of extermination waged by the Israeli enemy, despite continued world condemnation, is a direct result of the Zionist-U.S. policy of destroying the steadfastness of our Palestinian and Lebanese peoples, following the Camp David conspiracy.

Israel's scorched earth policy--in which it uses U.S. weapons, aircraft and bombs, including bombs that are internationally prohibited--is daily claiming the lives of many victims from among the Lebanese and Palestinian people in the towns and refugee camps, which are being destroyed by artillery shells and burned by incendiary rockets.

The Israeli aggression has been exacerbated in both savagery and intensity lately, especially following Dayan's statement to the effect that the U.S. Government has agreed to this aggression. The Israeli enemy began to concentrate his aggression against Tyre and other towns in southern Lebanon, despite the fact that there are no Palestinian revolution forces in these towns, as the Palestinian Command issued orders 2 months ago to evacuate these areas.

This reveals a serious aspect of this conspiracy, which aims at depopulating the towns, villages and refugee camps of southern Lebanon.

The premeditated war of extermination waged by racist Zionism and the U.S. Pentagon, whose intensity is increasing daily, requires that each of us act speedily to face this serious situation. The tragedy of southern Lebanon, its steadfastness and the great sacrifices of its population require that our Arab nation adopt measures to insure an immediate end to this tragedy, using all the means and capabilities it possesses, so that our Lebanese and Palestinian peoples are not left to face this inferno alone, at the mercy of the diabolical war machine that Washington has placed at the disposal of terrorist Menahem Begin and his fascist, racist military clique.

On behalf of the Palestinian people and of the Palestinian fighters, I appeal to Arab kings and leaders to shoulder their historic, national responsibilities in the face of this serious conspiracy, which has been implemented in southern Lebanon ever since the signing of the Camp David accords. On behalf of the Palestinian people and their steadfast fighters, I appeal to the masses of our Arab and Muslim peoples and to struggling peoples throughout the world to act and to put an end to this racist war of extermination against the Lebanese and Palestinian peoples. On behalf of the Palestinian people and their fighting revolutionaries, I appeal to the world's conscience and to free and honorable men of the world to stand by the Lebanese and Palestinian peoples in the face of this Zionist-Israeli terrorism and in the face of the U.S. weapons of death and destruction, which are destroying every living thing, whether man or plant, in defiance of all ethics and laws and at all places and times--as the terrorist leaders of the Zionist enemy have declared.

I appeal to everyone to support the Lebanese and Palestinian peoples' steadfastness in the face of this U.S. machine of destruction and the racism of our terrorist and racist Israeli enemy. I appeal to everyone to rise and aid the Lebanese and Palestinian peoples with all forms of support, so that they will be able to stand firm in the face of this racist barbarism and the organized war of extermination waged against southern Lebanon by the terrorist Israeli military clique, which is committing its crimes against us in southern Lebanon in order to exterminate the Palestinian people, liquidate their revolution, strike at their magnificent and courageous resistance and to destroy the brave and firm stand of the heroic Lebanese people.

This is a reminder. Revolution until victory!

[Signed] Yasir 'Arafat, PLO Executive Committee chairman and commander of the Palestinian revolution forces.

PLO'S 'ARAFAT MEETS SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER

JN280710 (Clandestine) Voice of Palestine in Arabic to the Arab World 0530 GMT 28 Aug 79 JN

[Text] Brother Abu 'Ammar, PLO Executive Committee chairman and commander in chief of the Palestinian revolution forces, met yesterday evening with 'Abd al-Halim Khaddam, Syrian deputy prime minister and foreign minister.

The meeting was attended by PLO Executive Committee official spokesman 'Abd al-Muhsin Abu Mayzar and Fatah Central Committee member brother Abu Mahir. During the meeting the two sides discussed the current situation, particularly the Israeli military escalation in southern Lebanon, and Arab and international moves to end the barbaric aggression against civilians in Lebanese cities and villages and Palestinian refugee camps.

PLO OFFICIAL'S STATEMENT ON IRAN'S ROLE IN PALESTINIAN ISSUE

JN271406 Doha QNA in Arabic 1300 GMT 27 Aug 79 JN

[Text] Tehran, 27 August--The PLO representative in Tehran Hani al-Hasan has praised the courage of Andrew Young, U.S. representative to the United Nations, and affirmed the Palestinians' determination to establish a united front with black Americans in a revolt against Zionism.

In a statement broadcast by PARS, the Palestinian official stated that fundamental changes have taken place in the Palestinian issue following the Iranian revolution's success, which led to the U.S. adoption of procedures to solve the Palestinian issue at the expense of the Palestinian homeland and people.

Al-Hasan pointed to the Iranian revolution's effect on oppressed peoples all over the world. Al-Hasan hinted that Iran has become a strong base for the struggle against racial discrimination and consequently, the United States will soon witness a new move by the American people. Al-Hasan expressed his belief that the nonalined countries movement needs an impetus and affirmed that the movement will soon become a new world power as a result of the role that the Islamic countries will play in it.

Al-Hasan concluded that the upcoming nonalined conference, which is to be held at the beginning of September, will discuss issues related to the Camp David agreement and the role played by imperialism against Palestine.

PLO OFFICIAL WARNS AGAINST NEW EUROPEAN ROLE IN MIDDLE EAST

JN271001 Manama GULF NEWS AGENCY in Arabic 0920 GMT 27 Aug 79 JN

[Text] Kuwait, 27 August--A senior Palestinian official has told the Kuwaiti newspaper AL-QABAS that the PLO's objective is not only to open a dialog with the United States but to have it recognize the Palestinian people's legitimate rights.

In statements to AL-QABAS today, PLO official spokesman [title as received] Yasir 'Abd Rabbuh said that U.S. recognition of the Palestinian people's rights will not result from dialog with the United States, but only after a bitter struggle that aims at U.S. interests in the area.

The Palestinian official praised the change that has taken place in some European countries' positions on the Palestinian people's cause. He described this change as positive. But the PLO official spokesman warned against the new European role in the Middle East crisis, which is supported by the United States. He said: This role is intended to divert the Arabs' and Palestinians' attention from the Camp David accords and to preoccupy them with delusive U.S. or European initiatives. 'Abd Rabbuh stressed that the European countries' recognition of the PLO stems from their belief that it cannot be liquidated.

'Abd Rabbuh added: Western European countries are trying to impose preconditions on the PLO in exchange for a change in their position toward it; namely, that it should change the Palestinian National Charter and suspend fedayeen operations against Israel.

BAHRAIN

MINISTRY OFFICIAL DENIES REPORTS IN IRANIAN PAPERS

JN280851 Manama GULF NEWS AGENCY in Arabic 0735 GMT 28 Aug 79 JN

[Text] Manama, 28 August--A Bahraini Information Ministry responsible source has denied reports published in the Iranian newspaper KEYHAN on Sunday and in the newspaper JOMHURI ESLAMI, organ of Ayatollah Khomeyni's Islamic Republic Party, on Monday that the Bahraini Government had quelled demonstrations in support of the Palestinian revolution on the occasion of the "Jerusalem Day" called for by Ayatollah Khomeyni, and that the Bahraini Government is adopting a stand hostile to the Islamic revolution in Iran.

In a statement to the Bahraini newspaper AKHBAR AL-KHALIJ today, the Bahraini responsible source said that besides being baseless, the reports published by the two papers are tendentious and emanate from the enemies of the Islamic revolution in Iran. They only serve the interests of the enemies of Islam and Muslims and harm the neighborly relations that exist between the two countries.

The Bahraini responsible source added: The purpose of these allegations is to create new enemies for the Iranian Islamic revolution at a time it needs friends.

The Bahraini responsible source expressed the hope that Iranian officials will realize that the recurrence of such intrigues will harm the atmosphere of amity and friendship that prevails in the two countries' relations.

SAUDI ARABIA

EXPLOSION SIGNALS POSSIBLE SABOTAGE IN SAUDI OILWELLS

NC271430 Cairo DPA in Arabic 1335 GMT 27 Aug 79 NC

[Text] Beirut, 27 August--On the eve of the 'Id al-Fitr feast, the greatest Islamic feast, and for the second time this year an explosion occurred in the oil-pumping station in the Saudi Ra's Tannurah port on the Gulf. Two workers were killed and six others injured in the explosion.

Official circles tried to belittle the incident by saying that there were no indications of sabotage intentions.

Earlier an explosion occurred in the oilwells in Abqaiq, 100 kms south of Ra's Tannurah, causing huge fires and killing a number of workers.

Rumors are being spread about sabotage at a time when the Saudi authorities keep silent.

The world's funds seem to mean nothing to the king and princes of the world's largest oil producer when the affair is related to underground acts. Iraqi sources say that a "front for the liberation of the Arabian Peninsula" is undertaking major activities in Saudi Arabia. If this front continues its operations, there will be concern about the future in the princes' palaces.

Even the 30,000 volunteers of the rigorous Royal White Army, belonging to the nomadic national guard, will not be able to prevent acts of sabotage against the oil installations deployed over 150,000 kms.

In the meantime the national guards, which were especially formed to protect the oilwells on royal family orders, have tightened their security measures.

The question posed now is: How close are the contacts between such a liberation movement and the PLO and with the front for the liberation of the Arab Gulf?

Saudi Arabia is now passing through conditions that earlier caused concern to several countries, particularly since covert actions can only be suppressed with difficulty.

Like his late predecessor, King Khalid has tried to maintain good relations with the PLO by giving it huge financial aid.

PLO leader Yasir 'Arafat, who occasionally shows his friendship with the enormously wealthy royal regime when he sits beside the king for photographs, has actually threatened to detonate the oil pipelines across the Gulf. Despite the fact that 'Arafat did not give the green light for this order, he will not be able to prevent the extremist fedayeen groups belonging to the PLO, which he heads, from carrying out such actions.

This summer Saudi Arabia demonstrated its military power by conducting the biggest desert maneuvers ever in Saudi Arabia.

It is likely that many countries envy the oil kingdom for its annual military budget ranging between $13-14 billion. This budget enables Saudi Arabia to pay monthly salaries of well over $1,000 per soldier to ordinary soldiers of the 60,000 men in the armed forces.

CHARGE MEETS WITH LEBANESE PRIME MINISTER AL-HUSS

LD272032 Riyadh Domestic Service in Arabic 1800 GMT 27 Aug 79 LD

[Text] Abu Bakr Rafi', Saudi charge d'affaires in Beirut, has said that Saudi Arabia will not hesitate to provide help for Lebanon. In a statement he made after a meeting with Dr Salim al-Huss, he said that the Saudi Government, with the king at its head, supports Lebanon and the unity of its territory, and its independent, legal Lebanese regime.

He added that he and Dr al-Huss discussed bilateral relations. Special reference was made to the problems of agriculture and the south. Mr Rafi' said that there is a coordinated effort among Saudi Arabia, Lebanon and the family of Arab states to support the Lebanese question at the United Nations.

'UKAZ CALLS FOR 'CONSISTENT' U.S. POLICY IN MIDEAST

LD251012 Riyadh Domestic Service in Arabic 0610 GMT 25 Aug 79 LD

[Text] Riyadh--In its editorial today 'UKAZ calls on the United States to adopt a consistent policy on the Middle East that is free from Zionist pressure and establishes closer relations with the Arab states. The paper describes recent American policy [word indistinct] in the region as being contradictory, precipitous and changeable.

Referring to the use of American arms in southern Lebanon by the enemy, the paper says that while Israel (?announces) that it has used American weapons to kill civilians in southern Lebanon, the U.S. Defense Department declares that Israel did not use those weapons there.

UAE

DELEGATION LEAVES FOR HAVANA NONALINED CONFERENCE

JN250732 Manama GULF NEWS AGENCY in Arabic 0707 GMT 25 Aug 79 JN

[Excerpt] Dubai, 25 August--A UAE delegation led by Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Rashi 'Abdallah an-Nu'aymi left for Havana today to attend the meetings of the nonalined foreign ministers conference, scheduled to be held in the Cuban capital on 30 August.

SINGAPORE TANKER EXPLODES, SINKS IN MIDDLE OF GULF

JN261608 Abu Dhabi EMIRATES NEWS AGENCY in Arabic 1515 GMT 26 Aug 79 JN

[Text] Abu Dhabi, 26 August--This morning, an explosion occurred in a small tanker in the middle of the Gulf 17 miles south of Das Island. One crew member died, two were injured and five others were reportedly lost. Rescue boats were able to safely pick up the rest of the 39 member crew.

At 0940 today the Das Island operations room received a distress signal from the 30,000-ton freight tanker (Cherry Duke), which belongs to a Singapore shipping company. In its signal, the tanker reported that an explosion occurred on board and that the crew escaped in life boats. Immediately afterward, three rescue boats and a helicopter set off to rescue the 47 member crew. One died, two were injured and five others were lost. The rest of the 39-member crew were rescued.

It is to be noted that the vessel was not carrying oil and it is now sinking in the Gulf.

Sources at the shipping company believe that the incident was caused by an explosion in the gas pipes, because the explosion occurred on board the vessel.

FIRE BREAKS OUT ON LIBERIAN TANKER NORTHWEST OF DUBAI

JN271520 Abu Dhabi EMIRATES NEWS AGENCY in Arabic 1300 GMT 27 Aug 79 JN

[Text] Dubai, 27 August--At 1700 yesterday, a fire broke out on board the 23,759-ton Liberian registered tanker (Potyana), while it was sailing 7 miles northwest of Dubai with 49 Greek sailors on board.

The passenger ship [Pericles Belkus) managed to rescue all the sailors.

A responsible source at the shipping agency stated that the ship had loaded its freight from Das Island, and it was on its way to the port of Aden.

The source added that the tanker is still on fire and that 3 barges are extinguishing the fires, which were controlled by local authorities.

Company sources ruled out the possiblity of sabotage and denied that explosions occurred on board the tanker, confirming that the incident was no more than a fire on board the tanker, which led to minor explosions.

ELF OFFICIAL COMMENTS ON VISIT TO ABU DHABI

JN231756 Abu Dhabi EMIRATES NEWS AGENCY in Arabic 1650 GMT 23 Aug 79 JN

[Excerpt] Abu Dhabi, 23 August--Osman Saleh Sabbe, Eritrean Liberation Front-Popular Liberation Forces [ELF-PLF] Central Council chairman, has declared that his visit to the UAE is part of his tour of Arab and African states to explain the grave developments taking place in Eritrea following extensive Foreign Ministry intervention. He added that his tour also aims at activating the Eritrean issue at the OAU and the upcoming UN session.

In a statement to the newspaper AL-ITTIHAD published today, he said that Senegalese President Senghor promised to bring up the Eritrean issue at the OAU.

Referring to the results of his UAE visit, he said that he will deliver a message to UAE President Shaykh Zayid ibn Sultan Al Nuhayyan, who is keenly following up developments of the Eritrean issue. He explained that the message is a private memo on material and political support for the Eritrean revolution and its unity.

YAR

AL-ASNAJ DENIES BEING PLACED UNDER HOUSE ARREST

JN280715 Manama GULF NEWS AGENCY in Arabic 0645 GMT 28 Aug 79 JN

[Text] San'a', 28 August--'Abdallah al-Asnaj, YAR President 'Ali 'Abdallah Salih's political adviser, has denied recent press reports that he and former YAR Information Minister Muhammad Salim Basindwa had been placed under house arrest.

In a statement to the GULF NEWS AGENCY correspondent in San'a', Al-Asnaj said that these reports are baseless and fabricated. He added: Muhammad Salim Basindwa is curently vacationing outside the YAR and is expected to return to San'a' next week.

It is worth mentioning that Al-Asnaj appeared beside YAR President Lt Col 'Ali 'Abdallah Salih when he received heads of the diplomatic missions accredited to the YAR who came to congratulate the YAR president on the occasion of 'Id al-Fitr.

PRESIDENT SALIH CHAIRS CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

JN221930 San'a' Domestic Service in Arabic 1700 GMT 22 Aug 79 JN

[Text] Brother Lt Col 'Ali 'Abdallah Salih, president of the republic and commander in chief of the armed forces, presided over a meeting of the Consultative Council at the presidential palace at 2030 last night.

Following the president leader's opening of the meeting in the name of God and the people, the council discussed domestic and external issues.

The SABA' NEWS AGENCY correspondent has learned that during the meeting the Consultative Council expressed its sincere thanks for the brother president leader's national amnesty pardoning all the political prisoners and detainees and his directives to everyone to be loyal to their nation and people and to continue their work and development process so that Yemen will continue to progress and contribute to Ara solidarity issues and cooperation between the peoples of the world, and make amends for the past since the glorious 26 September revolution and the 13 (?June) corrective movement. The meeting lasted 4 hours.

ISRAEL JUSTICE MINISTER TAMIR VISITS 28 AUG

NC280713 Cairo Domestic Service in Arabic 0525 GMT 28 Aug 79 NC

[From the press review]

[Text] The newspaper AL-AHRAM reports today that Gen Shmu'el Tamir, the Israeli minister of justice and member of the delegation to the autonomy talks, will arrive in Cairo this morning from Israel carrying three messages from Israeli officials to President Anwar as-Sadat, Prime Minister Dr Mustafa Khalil, and Defense Minister Gen Kamal Hasan 'Ali. Defense Minister Gen Kamal Hasan 'Ali will meet with General Tamir to receive the messages.

AL-AHRAM says that Cairo will reply to these messages after studying them.

THIRD STAGE OF ISRAELI SINAI WITHDRAWAL TO BEGIN 10 SEPT

NC280725 Cairo Domestic Service in Arabic 0500 GMT 28 Aug 79 NC

[Text] The Egyptian flag will be raised ceremoniously in Sinai over the areas to be liberated on 25 September. The third phase of the Israeli withdrawal from Sinai is scheduled to begin on 10 September. In this phase Egypt will take over the largest area from which withdrawal will take place. It includes more than one oilfield, the remaining Sinai manganese mines, and large agricultural areas.

The Egyptian-Israeli military committee will meet in Beersheba Sunday to agree on the final preparations to carry out this phase of withdrawal.

AL-JUMHURIYAH CRITICIZES ISRAELI STATEMENTS ON UNTSO

NC280757 Cairo Domestic Service in Arabic 0600 GMT 28 Aug 79 NC

[From the press review]

[Text] Under the headline "The Era of Threats Has Ended," the newspaper AL-JUMHURIYAH says editorially that a number of Israeli leaders do not want to understand that the era of threats has ended, the march of peace must take place, and the Israeli forces will withdraw from Sinai and from the occupied Arab territories.

The paper says: Yesterday, after the Israeli Cabinet meeting, some Israeli statements were made, threatening to postpone withdrawal from Sinai until agreement is reached on a substitute to the UN Emergency Forces. These statements said that Israel has decided to boycott the UN Truce Supervision Organization [UNTSO] and that it wants a multinational force as an alternative for the emergency forces.

The paper says: Israel is aware that this issue is absolutely secondary and has no connection with the withdrawal timetable in any way, and that the United States itself has announced its agreement to the stationing of UN observers, thus supporting the Egyptian viewpoint.

Concluding its article, the paper asserts that some Israeli leaders want to create crises in a desperate attempt to delay the inevitable withdrawal. They must understand that the era of threats has ended. They must, therefore, prepare themselves to accept the new reality, whether they like it or not.

COMMENTARY VIEWS ISRAELI ACTIONS IN LEBANON

LD271448 Cairo Voice of the Arabs in Arabic 1130 GMT 27 Aug 79 LD

['Ismat Ibrahim commentary]

[Text] Lately there have been a number of hysterical actions by Israel for which there is no cause or justification. It is completely evident from these actions that the Israeli Government is trying to extricate itself, in one form or another, from the clear commitments it signed and agreed to take specific steps to implement and put into practice. These commitments were Israel's recognition at Camp David of the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people and its signing of an agreement which lays down specific measures to bring these rights to reality.

With their eyes on current conditions inside Israel, the Israeli leaders are trying to maneuver to extricate themselves from these commitments with a view to appeasing some extremist groups who hate to see the problem proceed toward a comprehensive, just solution and whose only concern is to seek the realization of illusions that have nested in their minds for years and years.

One such action is Israel's continued interference in southern Lebanon by the continuous shelling of southern villages and towns and the encouragement and bolstering of the secessionists led by Maj Sa'd Haddad.

Though this interference has aroused the wrath of the United States and met with opposition from it, and has threatened peace efforts in the area, Israel has not refrained from its interference, nor has it tried to reduce the size of its interference. The United States has repeatedly warned Israel against such interference, in which U.S. arms are being used, and threatened to support a UN resolution censuring it over this interference. But the Israeli leaders have paid no attention to the warnings and continued with their flagrant intervention in southern Lebanon.

Perhaps what arouses anger and surprise is Israel's angry and tough opposition to attempts to secure a new UN resolution to fill the gaps in UN Resolution 242 and to include a clear provision referring to the political rights of the Palestinian people instead of the ambiguous reference in Resolution 242 to the humanitarian aspects of the Palestinian problem.

One wonders: What is there to anger Israel? What would Israel lose from the adoption of this new resolution, particularly since the Camp David agreements have gone a long way beyond such references. Under these agreements, Israel not only recognized the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people, but also agreed with Egypt and the United States to take specific and clear steps to insure the actual realization of these rights.

Israel has gone to the extent of threatening to withdraw its recognition of Resolution 242 on one occasion, and to suspend the Camp David agreements on another, and to halt withdrawal from Sinai on yet another occasion.

While we do not take such statements seriously--we believe that they are intended to a large extent for local consumption and for dealing with domestic conditions in Israel--at the same time, we feel that they indicate that the Israeli leadership is trying to find a way to extricate itself from its clear commitments and to widen the scope of its maneuvering and gain new ground. At the same time, Israel is trying to offer interpretations contrary to facts as emodied in the Camp David agreements, particularly in respect of the rights of the Palestinian people to full autonomy during the transitional period specified by the agreements, in preparation for granting the Palestinians their right of self-determination and the determination of the form of government they want for themselves in the future.

There is a fact which we must point out in this regard: The current of peace has become so strong that noboby can stop it or impede it. The entire world now believes in the futility of armed conflicts and confrontation which brought nothing but devastation and which solved none of the problems in the past.

Perhaps world public opinion, as well as Israeli public opinion, has come to realize this fact and to oppose any attempts directed against the establishment of a comprehensive peace in the Middle East.

In spite of all the above, we affirm that the road to a just and comprehensive peace is not an easy one strewn with roses; it will pass through difficulties and obstacles until it reaches the end everyone desires.

PRESIDENT HUSAYN MEETS WITH ARMY LEADERS IN NORTH

JN251222 Baghdad INA in Arabic 1150 GMT 25 Aug 79 JN

[Excerpts] Baghdad, 25 Aug--President Saddam Husayn has affirmed that the party and revolution leadership's viewpoint on the army's national tasks is commensurate with its views on the army's role and tasks in pan-Arab affairs.

At a meeting with officers of the Al-Mansur forces in As-Sulaymaniyah governorate in northern Iraq, President Saddam Husayn said: The party stresses that the army is entrusted first with pan-Arab tasks and then with national tasks.

The president visited the governorate yesterday and met with its masses. He delivered a speech in which he underlined that in the revolution's calculations, principles have never been shaken over 11 years, even under the most difficult circumstances.

President Saddam Husayn affirmed that every sincere Iraqi can retain his ethnic character--whether he is a Kurd, an Arab or a Turkoman--while firmly believing in his Iraqism and loyalty to the soil of the homeland.

Addressing the gathering masses, President Saddam Husayn said: Those who tell you that there is a contradiction between being a real Kurd and a real Iraqi do not seek your good.

Continues Tour

JN260913 Baghdad INA in Arabic 0810 GMT 26 Aug 79 JN

[Text] Baghdad, 26 Aug--President Saddam Husayn made an extensive tour yesterday of the two governorates of At-Ta'mim and Irbil, on the second day of his tour of northern governorates.

President Saddam Husayn toured the districts and villages of Irbil governorate in the autonomous region by automobile. He visited Khalifan, the summer resort of (Kali 'Ali Bek) and the district of (Human), 180 kms north of Irbil.

The president delivered several speeches, addressing the masses that gathered to greet him in the areas he visited.

In a speech delivered at a large mass rally in the district of (Human), President Saddam Husayn stressed the need for all citizens to participate in building Iraq. He said that such a participation is necessary to build a new kind of human experience that will serve the whole of mankind.

The president declared: We are called upon to build Iraq, protect it, foil its enemies' intrigues and arm ourselves with principles to face the conspiracies of imperialism and reaction.

He stressed that the leadership of the party and revolution is fundamentally concerned that the Iraqi people be one people in mind and conscience and that they build with one hand while fighting the enemies with the other.

The president was accompanied on his tour by Defense Minister 'Adnan Khayrallah, RCC member and official in charge of the Arab Socialist Ba'th Party office in the north 'Abdallah Fadil, the presidents of the legislative and executive councils of the autonomous areas, the governor of Irbil and a number of officials.

On the first day of his tour, President Saddam Husayn visited As-Sulaymaniyah Governorate and toured a number of districts and villages in the governorates.

INFORMATION MINISTER LEAVES FOR MALTA 27 AUG

JN270810 Baghdad INA in Arabic 0745 GMT 27 Aug 79 JN

[Text] Baghdad, 27 Aug--Culture and Information Minister Latif Nusayyif Jasim left Baghdad this morning, leading a delegation on a visit to the Repubic of Malta.

The delegation, which includes representatives of several ministries and establishments, will sign an agreement on cultural and information cooperation between Iraq and Malta.

HEALTH MINISTER COMPLETES AFRICAN MISSION 24 AUG

JN241319 Baghdad Voice of the Masses in Arabic 1200 GMT 24 Aug 79 JN

[Text] Health Minister Dr Riyad Husayn, President Saddam Husayn's envoy to the presidents of Senegal, Mali, Niger, Nigeria and Chad, returned to Baghdad at noon today.

The president's envoy conveyed written messages from President Saddam Husayn to the respective presidents of these countries, dealing with coordination during the sixth nonalined summit conference, which is to be held in Havana on 3 September, and with the situation in the Arab region.

In a statement to INA, the Iraqi minister stated that his mission was a success, especially as the presidents of Senegal, Mali, Niger, Nigeria and Chad expressed their respect for and appreciation of President Saddam Husayn, of the stands taken by the party and Revolutionary Command on liberation movements and of their support for just world peace and for the African countries in their struggle against racial discrimination.

The presidents of these states praised Iraq's stand within the nonalined movement and its confrontation of imperialist and Zionist plots.

The health minister added that the presidents of the African countries he visited condemned the treasonous Camp David accords, affirming their complete support for the Arab Palestinian people's just rights.

LABOR MINISTER RETURNS FROM AFRICAN TOUR 26 AUG

JN261904 Baghdad INA in Arabic 1835 GMT 26 Aug 79 JN

[Excerpts] Baghdad, 26 Aug--Bakr Mahmud Rasul, minister of labor and social affairs and President Saddam Husayn's envoy to the heads of state of Tanzania, Zambia, Mozambique, Madagascar and Kenya, returned here tonight. He delivered messages from President Saddam Husayn to the heads of state of these states on coordination during the sixth nonalined summit conference and Arab-African relations.

The minister affirmed that the African leaders stressed the importance of establishing cooperation and coordination in the international forums and the sixth nonalined summit conference. They also affirmed that the treasonous Camp David accords will not bring peace to the area. They expressed their support for the Palestinian people's right to self-determination.

FOREIGN MINISTER LEAVES FOR HAVANA NONALINED MEETING

JN261048 Baghdad INA in Arabic 0912 GMT 26 Aug 79 JN

[Text] Baghdad, 26 Aug--Foreign Minister Sa'dun Hammadi has asserted that the Arab-Israeli conflict is a global issue that affects the peace of the world and is related to the heart of the nonalined movement's principles.

He said that a principled and honest stand toward this issue calls for the suspension of Egypt's membership in the nonalined movement and for strong condemnation of the Camp David accords and the traitorous As-Sadat-Zionist treaty.

Hammadi said that any [word indistinct] in this matter of principle will expose the nonalined movement to many shocks. He said that firm stands must be adopted on issues related to the nonalined principles, in order to consolidate the movement. The Zionist entity is carrying out the same role as that of the racist regimes in Africa, he declared.

These remarks were made in a press statement by Sa'dun Hammadi before his departure for the Cuban capital, where he will attend the nonalined foreign ministers meetings that begin in Havana next Thursday.

Foreign Minister Hammadi stressed that Iraq will work with the representatives of Arab and friendly states to consolidate the stands of the nonalined movement on the basis of the movement's original principles, regardless of any other consideration. He said that Iraq is currently undertaking extensive preparations for this important meeting, amid the complex circumstances affecting the nonalined movement and the situation in the area.

Hammadi noted that the nonalined movement has grown. He said that while this is a positive development, it has at the same time created a negative situation, as demonstrated by the increase in differences and the multiplicity of views. Despite the fact that the majority of movement's members adhere to its principles and have clear objectives, they still lack clarity in certain aspects.

Hammadi declared that Iraq will support all resolutions that support the causes of liberation and national independence in the world, especially the struggle of the African peoples against racist regimes. Iraq will also support efforts to consolidate world peace.

He said that the Iraqi delegation will propose the establishment of a fund to help developing countries hurt by the effects of the inflation exported to them by the industrial states, and will call for the strengthening of economic ties among nonalined states and for the resumption of the north-south dialog, in order to implement the resolutions of the special UN session on development and raw materials.

Foreign Minister Hammadi asserted that in coming years there will be a growing Iraqi interest in the nonalined movement and that this will be manifested by increased efforts to strengthen and the movement, especially as the forthcoming summit conference will be held in Baghdad in 1982.

It is to be recalled that the nonalined foreign ministers conference will discuss matters related to the nonalined summit conference, scheduled to be held in Havana on 3 September.

PERUVIAN OFFICIAL LEAVES BAGHDAD FOLLOWING 12-DAY VISIT

JN271656 Baghdad Voice of the Masses in Arabic 1600 GMT 27 Aug 79 JN

[Excerpts] The Peruvian revolutionary Socialist Party leader, Leonidas Rodriguez, left Baghdad this afternoon following a 12-day visit to Iraq at the invitation of the Ministry of Culture and Information.

Rodriguez was seen off at the airport by Zuhayr al-Qadiri, the director of the Public Relations Office in the party's National Command, and the Peruvian ambassador in Baghdad.

OIL MINISTER RECEIVES VISITING IRISH MINISTER

JN271635 Baghdad INA in Arabic 1430 GMT 27 Aug 79 JN

[Text] Baghdad, 27 August--Tayih 'Abd al-Karim, RCC Member and oil minister, met here today with Desmond O'Malley, Irish industry, commerce and energy minister, and the accompanying delegation. The meeting's discussion centered on oil cooperation between Iraq and Ireland and on consolidating bilateral ties of friendship. The meeting was attended by several senior officials from the Ministry of Oil. The Irish minister arrived in Baghdad last night on a visit of several days to Iraq.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTER RETURNS FROM ALBANIA, MAKES STATEMENT

JN280739 Baghdad INA in Arabic 0730 GMT 28 Aug 79 JN

[Text] Baghdad, 28 August--Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hamid 'Alwan and his delegation returned to Baghdad this morning at the end of a 10-day visit to Albania. 'Alwan told INA that the aim of his visit was to exchange views with Albanian officials on issues of interest to the two friendly countries, particularly in the political and trade fields.

AL-HUSS COMMENTS ON ISRAELI DECISION TO CONTINUE OPERATIONS

NC270638 Beirut Domestic Service in Arabic 0530 GMT 28 Aug 79 NC

[Text] Prime Minister al-Huss' statement commenting on the Israeli Government's decision to continue with military operations has made the civilized world face up to its responsibility. Prime Minister al-Huss has said: How could the civilized world just look on as a spectator at the oppressive Israeli military machine as it kills and displaces civilians daily--not discriminating between Lebanese and Palestinians, men and women, children and elderly people--and as it destroys and burns houses and other property.

Prime Minister al-Huss added: Under the slogan of preventive war, Israel no longer looks for excuses to justify its savage aggressions. It has even gone so far to claim that a big power supports the continuation of such operations. We expect the United States and its president to adopt a position on the continuous Israeli aggression against southern Lebanon; that is, of the magnitude of the position adopted by former President Eisenhower at the time of the 1956 tripartite aggression against Egypt.

FORMER PRESIDENT SHAM'UN COMMENTS ON AL-ASAD STATEMENT

NC271838 (Clandestine) Voice of Lebanon in Arabic to Lebanon 1715 GMT 27 Aug 79 NC

[Text] Commenting on a statement by Syrian President Hafiz al-Asad, former President Camille Sham'un said: Since he has an army of 30,000 soldiers equipped with sophisticated weapons, President al-Asad should use his forces to save the Golan Heights rather than southern Lebanon. Former President Sham'un added: Relations between Lebanon and Syria have deteriorated because no diplomatic relations exist between them. Relations that are not based on the principles of international relations are bound, in the long run, to end up like our current relations with Syria.

BUTRUS' STATEMENT ON COMPLAINT TO UN SECRETARY GENERAL

NC272000 Beirut Domestic Service in Arabic 1900 GMT 27 Aug 79 NC

[Statement by Lebanese Minister of Foreign and Expatriates Affairs Fu'ad Butrus--read by announcer]

[Text] As a result of the contacts that Lebanese Permanent Representative to the United Nations Ghassan Tuwayni held this evening, it has been shown that Tuwayni has been holding intensive meetings with the Security Council president, the UN Secretariat and certain representatives from both Arab and non-Arab states from the moment he arrived in New York.

It has been decided that Tuwayni will immediately submit a memorandum to the UN Secretary General, since it falls within the jurisdiction of the UN Secretariat. The memorandum includes the following demands:

1. To strengthen UNIFIL's abilities in line with the events that it must face to implement its tasks.
2. To reconsider the boundaries of the area where UNIFIL forces are deployed in view of recent developments.
3. The Lebanese Government, with all its civil and military organs, is ready to coordinate with UNIFIL forces to do all that is necessary to insure the government's control of all parties and factions in southern Lebanon in preparation to establish calm and stability in the area.

On behalf of the Lebanese Government, Ambassador Tuwayni is insisting on expediting the convocation of the Security Council session to consider Lebanon's complaint and the demands contained therein.

Meanwhile, on instructions from the Lebanese Government, Lebanese Ambassador to the United States Khalif 'Itani will hold the necessary contacts with the State Department to bolster Tuwayni's efforts.

LEBANESE FORCES COMMAND COUNCIL ISSUES STATEMENT

NC272230 (Clandestine) Voice of Lebanon in Arabic to Lebanon 2015 GMT 27 Aug 79 NC

[27 August statement by official spokesman of the Lebanese Forces Command--read by announcer]

[Text] The Lebanese Forces' Command Council held its weekly session at its headquarters under the chairmanship of Bashir al-Jumayyil and in the presence of its members.

The commander of the Lebanese forces reviewed the general situation in the country, particularly the dangerous situation in the south. The council then reviewed the latest developments and expressed its opinion as follows:

1. The Lebanese Forces' Command Council attributes the tragedy that has been going on in the south for the past 10 years to the Palestinians' demographic and military occupation of the south and elsewhere; to the state's irresponsible and short-sighted treatment of the southern problem since the signing of the Cairo Treaty; and to the errant policies being pursued by the big powers and all the UN organs that are trying to find a solution to the south--a solution that is disassociated from the rest of Lebanon and perhaps, at Lebanon's expense.

2. On the basis of this, the Lebanese Forces' Command Council reiterates its firm position on rejection of all kinds of partition and on its adherence to the unity of Lebanon's principles and territory. The Lebanese forces consider that the preservation of the entire south is a national and patriotic duty that is just as important as the defense of the mountains, the north and Al-Biqa'.

3. The Command Council, while deeply sympathetic with the cruel conditions being experienced by the southerners because of their displacement, urgently calls on the southerners and their leaders to actively cling to their territories in the same sincere way that their citizens in Al-Ashrafiyah, 'Ayn ar-Rummanah and the mountains did in defending their dignity, so that their fate will not be similar to those who lost all or part of their country because they did not resist occupation and displacement.

4. In view of what is happening in the international lobbies, the Command Council is forced to draw the attention of the big powers, the interested countries and the international and regional bodies to the fact that the Lebanese resistance is prepared to mobilize all means available to it to foil any solution to the Middle East problem that would be even partially at the expense of the Lebanese question.

FRG FOREIGN MINISTER, ECONOMIC DELEGATION VISIT

Ministers Exchange Dinner Speeches

JN262210 Damascus Domestic Service in Arabic 2115 GMT 26 Aug 79 JN

[Text] This evening 'Abd al-Halim Khaddam, deputy prime minister and foreign minister, and Mrs Khaddam hosted a dinner banquet at Ash-Sharq club in honor of FRG Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher and Mrs Genscher. The banquet was attended by a number of ministers and their spouses, senior Foreign Ministry officials, several representatives of Syrian economic sectors and members of the FRG economic delegation. In a speech at the banquet, Khaddam dealt with the continued development of the two countries' relations during the past years. He said that the Middle East situation and its effects on world security and peace and on world economic development are important to the two countries. He added that both countries are exerting strenuous efforts in this regard. Khaddam pointed out that great and serious obstacles confront world efforts that are aimed at establishing a just peace in the area. He said that these obstacles were manifested in As-Sadat's treason to the Arab nation; in his capitulation to the Israelis; in U.S. policy based on controlling the area, its future and wealth, and in Israeli intransigence, its rejection of UN resolutions and its disavowal of the Palestinian people's basic rights which have been recognized by the world.

Khaddam explained that the United States has annulled international legality and the UN role, believing that the United States is the guardian of the world's peoples. He added that As-Sadat's treason and U.S. involvement in Camp David have played a significant role in consolidating Israeli rejection and in encouraging the Israelis to scorn the United Nations and its resolutions.

The deputy prime minister and foreign minister dealt with the separate peace treaty. He said that this is a big stab to peace and the UN resolutions. He said that their peace is manifested in their continued attacks on Lebanon and in the brutal shelling of the Lebanese towns and villages and the Palestinian camps. He said that any peaceful phase based on oppression, aggression, murder and destruction is not a step toward peace but a wide-scale imbalance in the area that is bound to affect other world areas.

Khaddam stressed the need to achieve peace. He added that this stems from basic principles. These include Israeli withdrawal from all the occupied Arab territories and recognition of the national and inalienable rights of the Palestinian people, including their right to return, to determine their future and to build their independent state.

Khaddam pointed out what Europe, due to its geographical, political and economic situation, could do to achieve peace based on right and justice. He said that Europe's role should be based on the UN resolutions and Charter. This would constitute an effective factor in liquidating the abnormal status which was based on the Camp David policy.

In conclusion, Khaddam pointed out the FRG's role in efforts by the European groups for achieving a clearer understandings of the complicated situation in the area.

In a reply speech, Genscher asserted his country's desire to achieve a just and durable peace in the area. He praised relations between Syria and the FRG.

Genscher Defends U.S. Policy

LD271028 Hamburg DPA in German 0647 GMT 27 Aug 79 LD

[Text] Damascus--Federal Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher opens his political talks with Syrian leaders in Damascus today. In the course of the day, Genscher will meet Syrian President Hafiz al-Asad, Prime Minister Muhammad' 'Ali al-Halabi and Foreign Minister 'Abd al-Halim Khaddam.

Questions of the Middle East conflict and the possibility of a stronger involvement of the West German Government in the efforts for a Middle East solution are to be at the focus of the talks. However, the government in Bonn is prepared to take such activities only in cooperation with the European Community. On Sunday evening, Genscher said in a dinner speech that the Federal Government is determined to support all efforts for a true and permanent peace in the Middle East. The right of Israel to live within recognized and secure borders is, in this context, just as important a factor for a peace solution as the realization of the right to self-determination of the Palestinians.

In his dinner speech, Genscher defended U.S. policy and the Camp David agreements, which are rejected by Syria. The fact cannot be disregarded that without partnership with the United States, the European states would now be under foreign rule and this still applies to a part of Germany, the minister said.

Joint Meeting Held

LD271030 Hamburg DPA in German 0824 GMT 27 Aug 79 LD

[Text] Damascus--Federal Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher, during his talks with Syrian Prime Minister Muhammad 'Ali al-Halabi and Foreign Minister 'Abd al-Halim Khaddam, today emphasized the continuity of the FRG's Middle East Policy. The Federal Republic supports the right to self-determination of the Palestinian people, Genscher said. However, the unity of the Arab camp is an indispensable prerequisite for efforts for a just and permanent peace in the Middle East supported by Bonn.

Yesterday evening, Genscher replied during a dinner with Khaddam to the latter's strong criticism of U.S. Middle East policy by referring to the positive relations between the Federal Republic and Washington. Khaddam said that the United States wants to decide on its own about the Middle East region, the future of its peoples and its resources, while ignoring the basic rights of the peoples and its resources, while ignoring the basic rights of the peoples.

Al-Asad Receives Genscher

JN271410 Damascus Domestic Service in Arabic 1215 GMT 27 Aug 79 JN

[Text] President Hafiz al-Asad received FRG Vice Chancellor and Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher at 1230 today. The meeting was attended by Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Affairs Minister 'Abd al-Halim Khaddam and Dr Joachim Peckert, the FRG ambassador in Damascus.

Agreement Reached

LD271710 Hamburg DPA in German 1523 GMT 27 Aug 79 LD

[Text] Damascus--Federal Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher at a meeting in Damascus today with Syrian head of state Hafiz al-Asad agreed to hold regular FRG-Syrian consultations on the development of the bilateral political dialog. The talks with Al-Asad and 'Abd al-Halim Khaddam, deputy head of government and foreign minister--each of which lasted 3 hours--took place in a cordial and friendly atmosphere, as both sides agreed. It was said that the Syrian side valued Bonn's fair and farsighted Middle East policy.

The main topics of Genscher's talks with Al-Asad and Khaddam were the Middle East conflict, bilateral political and economic relations, as well as international detente. In this respect Genscher stressed to Al-Asad that East-West differences must not be passed on to Third World states. This should also apply to the Middle East states.

During his talks in Damascus, Genscher renewed his assurance that the Federal Government supports the Palestinian people's right to self-determination. It is a matter for the Palestinian people themselves to decide whether it wants to set up a state authority of its own in the territories to be vacated by Israel.

The Federal foreign minister said that he had gained the impression in Damascus that Syria is unmistakably trying to come to a peaceful settlement of the Middle East conflict. During his meetings with Al-Asad and Khaddam, he had stressed that the Federal Republic and European Community supports all efforts for a peace settlement. Unity in the Arab camp however, is an indispensable prerequisite in this respect. With regard to Syria's point of view that Egyptian President Anwar as-Sadat's peace with Israel is a betrayal, Genscher stressed in a dinner speech yesterday evening that understanding should be shown to all Arab states and their policies, including Egypt.

Genscher replied to Khaddam's strong criticism of U.S. Middle East policy, which Khaddam's accused of wanting to be the sole decisionmaker with regard to the Middle East region while ignoring the peoples' basic rights, by stating that as far as the Federal Republic is concerned, the United States is the guarantor of independence. It is only because the Federal Republic and Western Europe are free and independent partners of the United States that the Middle East people could expect Europe to play an active role in the search for peace in the Middle East. Observers regard the anti-United States attacks at the start of Genscher's visit to Syria as merely a "routine duty" toward the Arab public.

After a visit of a few hours to Lebanon, Genscher was to continue to Jordan today. The last stage of his present Midile East tour is Egypt.

Delegation Leaves Damascus

JN280944 Damascus SANA in Arabic 0850 GMT 28 Aug 79 JN

[Text] Damascus, 28 August--FRG Vice Chancellor and Foreign Affairs Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher, Mrs Genscher and the delegation accompanying him, left Damascus at 1015 today. They were seen off at Damascus international airport by Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister 'Abd al-Halim Khaddam, several high-ranking officials of the Foreign Ministry and the FRG ambassador in Damascus.

AL-ASAD RECEIVES MESSAGE FROM AL-QADHDHAFI

JN271420 Damascus Domestic Service in Arabic 1215 GMT 27 Aug 79 JN

[Text] Minister of State for Foreign Affairs 'Abd al-Karim 'Adi today received Libyan Foreign Ministry Under Secretary 'Isa Ba'ba' who conveyed a message from Libyan President Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi to President Hafiz al-Asad.

AL-ASAD GRANTS INTERVIEW TO YUGOSLAV PAPER

JN280941 Damascus Domestic Service in Arabic 0915 GMT 28 Aug 79 JN

[Text] Damascus--His Excellency President Hafiz al-Asad has declared that the nonalined movement has been able to hold out in the face of pressure and to remain an important factor in international politics.

In an important interview granted to the Yugoslav newspaper RILINDJA, President al-Asad said that we expect the sixth summit conference in Havana to adopt the appropriate position vis-a-vis the violation of the nonalined principles and the resolutions of the previous nonalined summit conferences, because the adoption of such a position will keep the prestige and influence of the nonalined movement.

President al-Asad praised the stand of the nonalined movement toward the Zionist aggression against the Arab lands and against the rights of the Palestinian Arab people. He said: We expect the nonalined countries in Havana to act in harmony with the principles and resolutions of the nonalined movement.

President al-Asad added that As-Sadat's regime in Egypt has followed a line which will undermind the principled position of the nonalined movement. This regime has also departed from the resolutions of the nonalined summits, and kept the resolutions of the nonalined summits, and kept the Middle East in an explosive situation.

Answering a question about the numerous successes achieved by Syria in the field of development, President al-Asad said: Development plans in Syria are achieving their objectives satisfactorily.

President al-Asad explained: In Syria, we attach primary significance to the individual because the aim of development is to serve him and because the individual is the strong base of any progress we seek to achieve.

President al-Asad asserted in the interview that relations between the Syrian Arab republic and Yugoslavia are good and are based on strong foundations of friendship and cooperation. He also extended heartfelt greetings to President Josip Broz Tito and to the friendly peoples of Yugoslavia.

ALGERIA

FRANCE'S MARCHAIS ARRIVES, MAKES STATEMENT

LD271418 Algiers Domestic Service in Arabic 1200 GMT 27 Aug 79 LD

[Text] Mr Georges Marchais, secretary general of the French Communist Party [PCF], arrived in Algiers this morning. The Algiers radio reporter at Dar al-Byda Airport Mkayar Azzouz sent us this report on the arrival of Mr Marchais: [read by announcer]

At the invitation of brother President Chadli Bendjedid, president of the republic and FLN secretary general, Mr Georges Marchais, secretary general of the PCF, arrived at Dar al-Byda Airport this morning at the head of an important delegation of his party's secretariat.

At the steps of the plane he was welcomed by Mohamed Salah Yahiaoui, member of the FLN Political Bureau and party coordinator, and by a number of party members.

Mr Georges Marchais then made a statement to national and international newsmen in which he said that he was pleased to be making this visit at the invitation of brother Chadli Bendjedid, president of the republic and FLN secretary general. He said that his visit will provide the opportunity for an exchange of viewpoints on bilateral relations between the two parties in the interest of the Algerian and French peoples.

He also said that he will discuss with Algerian officials various Arab and international questions, and particularly the problems of the Western Sahara, the Palestinian issue, and the daily Israeli aggressions against southern Lebanon. He explained that the Egyptian regime's allegations, within the framework of its surrender steps with the administration of the Zionist entity, do not contribute in the search for a just and lasting peace in the Middle East region. He said that a solution to the Middle East problem can only be achieved through the recognition of the legitimate rights of the Arab Palestinian people to self-determination and to setting up their own independent state.

BRIEFS

SOVIET COOPERATION PROTOCOL--Scientific and cultural cooperation between Moscow and Algiers is to continue in the forthcoming academic year. A protocol to this effect was signed in Moscow yesterday. The new protocol reserves an important place in the field of training of Algerian specialists and in Soviet aid in the health field. A group of Soviet teachers will continue teaching activities in the universities and institutes, and in the training centers of various Algerian university towns, while many students will go to the USSR for courses of higher education or training. To be noted are also bilateral exchanges in the field of culture and the arts. Two big events have already been fixed: Algeria will receive the opera ensemble of Yerevan this year, and in 1980 the famous Moscow Circus. [Text] [Algiers Domestic Service in French 1200 GMT 17 Aug 79 LD]

LIBYA

SYRIAN BA'TH PARTY, ARAB DELEGATIONS ARRIVE

LD272110 Tripoli JANA in English 1901 GMT 27 Aug 79 LD

[Text] Tripoli, Aug 27 (JAMAHIRIYAH NEWS AGENCY)--A delegation from the Syrian Socialist Arab Ba'th Party arrived in Tripoli this afternoon headed by the undersecretary of the Ministry of Culture and chairman of the Syrian Arab Writers Union.

The delegation will attend the world conference sponsored by the Permanent Secretariat of the Arab People's Congress on reactionary, Zionist and imperialist schemes against the Arab nation.

Similarly the assistant secretary-general of the international confederation of Arab trade unions arrived here at the head of a delegation from the confederation to the conference. The two delegations will also participate in the tenth anniversary of the First of September Revolution.

They were met at Tripoli International Airport by representatives from the Permanent Secretariat of the Arab People's Congress and the general union of producers and the higher committee for celebrations.

USSR'S DEMCHENKO ARRIVES FOR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

LD271907 Tripoli JANA in Arabic 1800 GMT 27 Aug 79 LD

[Text] Tripoli--Pavel Demchenko, member of the Supreme Soviet and representative of the Soviet committee for Afro-Asian solidarity, has referred to the importance of the letter sent to President Carter by President al-Qadhdhafi. He said that it is an important initiative on the part of Colonel al-Qadhdhafi to enlighten world public opinion on the problem of the Palestinians.

Mr Demchenko said the above in a statement to a JANA reporter on arrival at Tripoli International Airport yesterday evening, to share with the Libyan people their celebrations on the 10th anniversary of the First of September Revolution, and to attend the meetings of the preparatory committee for solidarity with the Arabs and their central problem--that of Palestine.

The member of the Supreme Soviet said that American imperialism leans wholeheartedly toward Zionism; it is therefore necessary that all progressive forces throughout the world should unite to overcome racist Zionism and its allies.

Mr Demchenko said that it is no coincidence that the meeting of the international preparatory committee for solidarity with the Arabs should take place at the same time as the Libyan people are celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Great First of September Revolution. It is confirmation and recognition of the fact that the Libyan Jamahiriyah stands in the forefront of the struggle against international imperialism in the Arab world and throughout the world.

MAURITANIA

FRONT CALLS FOR FEDERATION, EQUALITY FOR BLACKS

AB231658 Paris AFP in French 1139 GMT 23 Aug 79 AB

[Text] The Southern Mauritania Federal Front is calling for free and democratic elections in Mauritania and for the creation of a federation in which blacks in the south would have the same privileges as Moors.

In a statement issued to the Rabat AFP office by Mr Fadiga Moussa, the secretary general of that organization, the Federal Front invites the OAU, the United Nations and the nonalined conference to summon the Mauritanian Government to publish the new statistics of Mauritania's population within a year and to organize elections according to the census, which he believes should point out the actual importance of the black population in the south.

If that solution is not accepted by the present illegal government, the statement added, the Federal Front of the south will make use of all means available to every liberation movement in order to force the government to accept a federation.

The Federal Front eventually demands the release of all political prisoners, as well as that of the founder of Mauritania, Mr Moktar Ould Daddah.

According to Mr Moussa, the Federal Front was set up 3 months ago in Mauritania. Its leader is there now and he is part of the government in Nouakchott. Moreover, said Mr Moussa, a military branch is being set up now.

WESTERN SAHARA

FOREIGN MINISTER DEPLORES ARMS SUPPLIES TO MOROCCO

LD272246 Algiers Domestic Service in Arabic 1900 GMT 27 Aug 79 LD

[Excerpt] In a statement to the Lebanese weekly AL-KIFAH AL-'ARABI published today, the Saharan foreign minister, Hakim Brahim emphasized that the Saharan people will not stand idly by in the face of the supply of arms by certain Western states for the killing and annihilation of the Saharan people. He said that the increasing military support to Morocco is an encouragement to Morocco to internationalize the war in the Western Sahara.

Hakim Brahim described the transportation of royal Moroccan forces from Shaba in Zaire to Dakhlah by American aircraft as a tragic affair, emphasizing that the Moroccan troops transported by American aircraft have killed the sons of Dakhlah.

Noting that the royal regime in Morocco is trying to play the role of the gendarme to protect Western interests in the region, Hakim Brahim stressed that this regime will not be able to perform the role of the gendarme and that the Western states are facing one basic choice: Either to link their interests to one individual person, or to peoples.

The Saharan foreign minister described the visit of the American parliamentary delegation to the region as a positive development in American policy, since it means that the Saharan issue is no longer, as far as the United States is concerned, a security or administrative issue, but is now faced as a political issue.

In his statement Hakim Brahim emphasized that the agreement of 5 August in Algiers was an agreement between the POLISARIO Front and Mauritania and that Algeria was not a part of it. The Saharan official noted that the problem of the entity of the Moroccan regime is no concern of the Saharan people but the concern of the Moroccan people alone. He said that the Saharan people is a part of the Arab nation and that the aim of their struggling vanguard--the POLISARIO Front--is Arab unity, unity of peoples and not unity of tanks and prisons.

BEGIN COMMENTS ON RESOLUTION 242, S. LEBANON

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[Text] This evening the prime minister said that all the recent political events were entirely unnecessary. Talking to the leaders of the U.S. United Jewish Appeal Mr Begin explained that reference is mainly to the attempts to change UN Security Council Resolution 242. He added that whoever recognizes the PLO in fact recognizes the genocide of a people as testified to by the Palestinian charter. According to the prime minister the tension between Jews and blacks in the United States is ephemeral. As regards southern Lebanon he said that all Israeli actions are against terrorist bases and if citizens are also hit we are deeply sorry about this.

EGYPT PROHIBITS VISIT BY U.S. JEWISH DELEGATION

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[Text] The Egyptian authorities forbade the UJA [United Jewish Appeal] delegation currently visiting Israel to arrive in Cairo. Our correspondent Mark Lavi reports that hectic contacts have been held up to last night between Jerusalem and Cairo about the delegation's visit and the Egyptians finally announced they would not let it enter Egypt.

U.S. LABOR SECRETARY MARSHALL ARRIVES 26 AUG

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[Text] U.S. Labor Secretary Ray Marshall has arrived in Israel on a week-long official visit. Marshall was received at the airport by his Israeli counterpart, Yisra'el Katz. The two ministers and their aides will be discussing issues related to manpower planning, labor relations and safety.

WEIZMAN REACTION TO CRITICISM OF IDF ACTIVITIES REPORTED

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[By Eytan Haber]

[Excerpt] Defense Minister 'Ezer Weizman contends that the IDF activities in southern Lebanon are appropriate and his associates believe that "anybody else in his place would have acted the same way." Accordingly, it is not to be assumed that Mr Weizman would recommend a change in IDF reactions and activities in southern Lebanon following remarks by Ministers Dayan and Sharon, who yesterday censured IDF measures in southern Lebanon which, in their view, harm Israel's image in the world.

The defense minister had initiated an extensive discussion of the southern Lebanese issue 2 weeks ago and the discussion did take place in the Ministerial Committee for Security Affairs this week. This morning the defense minister was irked at media releases which indicated that such discussions are due to take place later this week in the wake of reservations expressed by Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan.

At the Cabinet meeting yesterday, the defense minister submitted a factual report on Israeli military activities in Lebanon. He abstained from reacting to criticism and it appears he intends to do this during a discussion to be held later this week.

The prime minister said at yesterday's Cabinet session that the IDF activities are effective and that they thwarted murderous terrorist attacks on Israel.

This morning security sources confirmed that four murderous terrorist strikes were recently prevented, but they refused to say where and when.

CHIEF OF STAFF EITAN INTERVIEWED ON SOUTHERN LEBANON

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[Interview of Israeli Chief of Staff Lt Gen Rafa'el Eitan by Eytan Haber, YEDI'OT AHARONOT military correspondent, on the evening of 27 August--place not given]

[Text] "The terrorists' means of warfare are located within concentrations of civilian population and in such a war, which has no rules, civilians are also liable to get hurt; there is no escape from that," Chief of Staff Lt Gen Rafa'el Eitan said last night in a special interview with YEDI'OT AHARONOT.

The chief of staff said the IDF has means which allow it to know where the terrorists are located and to direct the fire there, but Major Haddad has no such means and he shoots at targets that he considers appropriate. "We can tell Haddad not to shoot, but as far as he is concerned, that amounts only to a piece of advice," Lieutenant General Eitan said.

[Question] To what extent is Major Sa'd Haddad being controlled by Israel? Does he act according to Israeli instructions, your instructions?

[Answer] The State of Israel does not determine, nor should it determine the quality of life in southern Lebanon. There is a limit to Israel's ability to intervene in what is happening there. It should be kept in mind that although the inhabitants of southern Lebanon are cut off from their capital, they are Lebanese and have interests of their own. It is definitely incorrect to say that Major Haddad is being controlled by Israel.

[Question] Can't you influence him?

[Answer] In the war between the terrorists and the southern Lebanese enclaves no rules exist. The enclaves are being shelled by the terrorists without pause, day and night. They have casualties. Haddad is returning the fire, in accordance with his ability to react and prevent shelling. We can tell him not to shoot. For him a statement like this is advice which he may accept--if we consider it right to advise him in this matter.

[Question] Do Haddad's forces fire at targets without distinction?

[Answer] It is the terrorists who make no distinctions when choosing targets. Yesterday there were dead in the village of Mis al-Jabal. They fire at civilian settlements both in Lebanon and in Israel. The terrorists are deployed within concentrations of civilian population. In a war like this civilians are also liable to be hit. This is unavoidable. This is a war without rules. Are Shelomi and Qiryat Shemona military targets?

[Question] Does the IDF hit concentrations of civilian population? What about the forces of Haddad, in that regard?

[Answer] We, the IDF, have means that enable us to know where the terrorists are located and to direct our fire there. Haddad has no such means. Haddad shoots at targets which he considers appropriate. In my view, in the current circumstances, our restraint deserves praise or, at least, no censure. I want to tell you something: Often we refrain from shelling terrorists and they come out unscathed only because of our reluctance to hit civilians.

[Question] What terrorist positions are near concentrations of civilian population?

[Answer] They have artillery positions near numerous settlements and on the edges of refugee camps. They have batteries at An-Nabatiyah, Tibnin, Al-Qulay'ah, Ar-Rashidiyah and in many other places. To silence the fire coming from those guns, one has to hit them. On such occasions, people who also happen to be in vicinity are liable to get hurt. I suspect that the terrorists have deliberately chosen populated areas to deploy their guns.

[Question] Where are the terrorists in southern Lebanon located today? How many are there? What are they doing?

[Answer] To the best of our knowledge, the number of terrorists is increasing. Outside the town of Tyre today there are from 400 to 500 terrorists in the area between the Al-Litani River and the strip that is controlled by Haddad's forces. What kind of equipment do they have? Everything up to mortars. In the Tyre salient they have artillery. What are they doing? Their activity consists of mustering forces and executing operations. They are in a stage of continuous mustering. Where? In houses inside the villages. They are not in the open because there they are vulnerable. They are equipping themselves, collecting people and material and patrolling the area. As far as operational activity is concerned, they are trying to penetrate our territory through areas under UNIFIL control. They also attack targets in areas controlled by the Christians. The terrorists are today waging war against UNIFIL, Haddad and Israel.

[Question] What are we doing to prevent this?

[Answer] The activities of Major Haddad's and the IDF's forces limit the terrorists and do not enable them to realize their intentions. Since the strike in Nahariyya in April, we have thwarted a considerable number of attempted guerrilla strikes in Israel. We succeeded in preventing their intrusion into the areas of Har Dov, Zar'it, Rosh Haniqra.

[Question] Will you respond to a request for a cease-fire on the northern border?

[Answer] We do not seek the shellings. If there is no tendency on the part of the terrorists to perpetrate strikes--then we shall not bombard them; if they do not attempt to penetrate into Israel we shall not blow up the houses of terrorists and their helpers. We are engaged in counteractivities and preventive actions against those who attempt to strike at us. If we do not succeed, then we have Nahariyya and Ma'alot.

[Question] Rumors were rife recently that the escalated activity on the northern border is the private initiative of the OC Northern Command and of the chief of state. Do you, as chief of staff, require approval from the political level for operations--and when?

[Answer] There is no IDF operation, large or small, that is executed without approval from the political levels.

[Question] Is Haddad's war also our war?

[Answer] Both former Prime Minister Yitzhaq Rabin and present Prime Minister Menahem Begin, as well as Defense Ministers Shim'on Peres and 'Ezer Weizman, pledged to support the inhabitants of southern Lebanon and to help them to safeguard their physical existence. Without our help the inhabitants of southern Lebanon would be in danger. These days they are fighting for their very existence. For our part, this is a moral commitment on which we shall not welsh. In this connection, I would like to add: Haddad received his appointment from Lebanon's President Sulayman Franjiyah. When he came down from Beirut to southern Lebanon he had clear instructions to safeguard the peace of the Christians in southern Lebanon, even if that would require cooperation with Israel. Ever since 1976, when they were cut off from the north of the country, the Christians have been sustained by the State of Israel. At that time the "good fence" was also put up. The State of Israel has also armed the Christians with weapons for self-defense. I would like to remind you that the Shi'ite inhabitants of southern Lebanon have also requested help from Israel. The three enclaves were united in the Litani operation and the state of affairs today is that the inhabitants work in Israel, do their shopping in Israel and maintain their security with the assistance of the State of Israel.

JERUSALEM POST: PLO USING U.S.-MADE WEAPONS, AMMUNITION

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[By Hirsh Goodman, POST military correspondent]

[Text] Terrorists in Lebanon are using American-made 105mm howitzers and U.S.-produced ammunition provided to the Lebanese Army, according to military sources here.

Confirming a report published in MA'ARIV yesterday afternoon, the sources said that the ammunition in question, used extensively by the PLO in its massive offensive against Major Sa'd Haddad's Christian militias over the weekend, was from a series manufactured in 1975 and 1976. It was probably supplied to the Lebanese Government as part of $100 million arms deal concluded recently.

The Jerusalem POST also learned yesterday that terrorist cells in Israel have been using sophisticated RDX explosives, sold by the U.S. Government to Saudi Arabia. Large quantities of the explosive have been captured over the past few months, and a check into the series has shown that the explosives were originally supplied to the Saudi Arabians. It could not be ascertained last night exactly how the material--or the howitzers--reached the PLO.

There have been suspicions in Israel for some time that the PLO terrorists in Lebanon were in possession of U.S. artillery. On Saturday several unexploded shells were found by Haddad's men which now back up the theory.

The terrorists have approximately 100 cannon deployed in Lebanon, mainly in the region between the Zaharani and Al-Litani Rivers, consisting of Soviet-made 130mm and 155mm howitzers, and now un unknown quantity of American-made 105mm cannon. They also have extensive supplied of Katyusha rockets, which are mobile and brought up to the border for an attack.

'AL HAMISHMAR ANALYZES ESCALATION IN SOUTHERN LEBANON

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[By Alex Fischmann]

[Excerpt] Four murderous strikes were thwarted this week following massive IDF activities against terrorists in southern Lebanon.

Demolition of the houses at Bra'shit in southern Lebanon and similar IDF operations, in areas in which terrorist squads deployed prior to perpetrating strikes, thwarted infiltrations into Israel. Those squads, which deployed in areas under UNIFIL control, were found to be carrying loudspeakers and leaflets testifying to their intentions.

A military source said that there are clear indications of a war of attrition in southern Lebanon now and a growing wave of increased terrorist activity aimed against UNIFIL, Major Haddad's Christian militias, and at direct hits on Israeli settlements in the north.

Following the escalation in the terrorist activity the number of terrorist-UNIFIL clashes increased. Concurrently, the artilleries of the IDF and of Major Haddad have been put into action against the terrorists in southern Lebanon.

One of the signs indicating an escalation in terrorist activity is their massive use of artillery against settlements in southern Lebanon and in northern Israel. Out of the 100 terrorist artillery pieces in southern Lebanon, the following types are positioned in the UNIFIL area: 82mm mortars, guns that include 85mm antitank guns and British 35-pounders, in addition to Katyusha launchers mounted on trucks that disppear after the launches. These artillery pieces were used for the first time against the Galilee panhandle settlements the day before yesterday. In areas outside UN control, the terrorists have 130mm and 155mm guns, as well as 160mm mortars.

An examination of the ammunition used this week against the settlements in the north showed that the terrorists are using American shells produced recently. It is estimated that this ammunition has reached the terrorists in an indirect way from U.S. aid to the Lebanese Army, whose arms deals with Washington amounted, according to foreign sources, to $100 million.

Three terrorist brigades are now active in southern Lebanon--the Yarmuk, the Castle and the Karama brigades. The terrorists have centers directing artillery fire that operate with professional efficiency. The entire terrorist force is organized under a ceiling command headed by a PLO man, Colonel Isma'il. Lebanese papers have recently come up with stories about the mustering of a terrorist armored brigade to be called "the saints of September brigade."

In the UNIFIL-controlled area about 500 terrorists are currently active, as well as some 1,000 Lebanese Communist Party activists, who have been trained in Bulgaria and East Germany. UNIFIL admits to only 15 terrorist strongholds. In May this year, UNIFIL was not ready to admit to even one single terrorist stronghold. Along with the PLO, there are also several other organizations active in southern Lebanon, the most dangerous among them being the Palestine Liberation Front commanded by Abu 'Abbas, which is operating with naval units.

Israeli sources explain the recent escalation in terrorist activity by two principal reasons: The PLO leadership has decided to draw concentrated attention to southern Lebanon, in anticipation of the UN Security Council discussions, and accomplish tactical advantages in the field with winter approaching.

HA'ARETZ: APPLY VIETNAM LESSONS IN SOUTHERN LEBANON

TA271428 Tel Aviv HA'ARETZ in Hebrew 27 Aug 79 p 9 TA

[Eliyahu Salpeter article: "Beware, Risk of Vietnamization!"]

[Text] The adage that history does not repeat itself is particularly liked by people who do not want to learn from history. It may be true that past events do not recur in exactly the same form and manner, but the distinction between the governing causes and the trivial circumstances is perhaps the main lesson to be learned from past examples. Therefore, the gloomy memories of Vietnam, which keep occurring now in view of the escalation in southern Lebanon, shouldn't be rejected out of hand.

Syria is not China, the PLO is not North Vietnam and Israel is, naturally, not the United States; and neither is the distance from Qiryat Shemona to Tyre the same as that between Boston and Hanoi. However, the symptoms recalling the U.S. involvement in Southeast Asia are too numerous not to switch on lights of warning and toll the bells of alarm here:

--Israel is in the midst of a war in which its honest desire to help the attacked party is clashing with military interests and thereby strengthening Israel's identification with one of the parties of the original civil strife. The protege's weakness is drawing the patron ever deeper into a confrontation, and in a process of this sort one tends to forget that coinciding interests are not necessarily identical interests.

--The investment-result ratio grows out of proportion. Israel is now dropping huge quantities of shells and bombs on towns and villages in southern Lebanon, while the number of terrorists killed as a result is small. It even seems that the stronger the fire-power, the smaller the relative number of effective hits. The death of each PLO member costs more and more.

--The stronger the escalation, the greater the number of civilian losses. Israel's press and television rarely publish pictures from the hit areas, but the spectacle of destroyed villages, dead women and children and masses of civilian refugees has become a trademark of the southern Lebanese war in the world's media--and Israel is identified as the perpetrator of the acts.

--The real objectives of the fighting has also become distorted in Israel. Are these counterattacks to protect our allies, namely, the Christian salients? Do we want to expel the terrorists from bases close to our territory? Or perhaps do we also wish to "teach a lesson" to the patrons of the terrorists?

--The secrecy. The whole world knew the scope of U.S. involvement in Vietnam before the American public understood. Events in Lebanon are also shrouded in the dual camouflage of a lack of essential relevant information and "sympathetic" reporting by local correspondents. How many Israeli citizens are aware of the real scope of our direct involvement? Does the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee have a full and correct picture of what is going on?

--There is a feeling that in southern Lebanon, just like in Vietnam at the time, tactical considerations influence strategic decisions, and military considerations determine political resolutions and not the other way around. The involvement is growing and there is no indication that anyone has a clear plan for getting out of this involvement.

--And, last but not least: Do we have any more proof that the escalation of attrition indeed foils the use of the bombed areas as a launching base for strikes south of the border?

At times it seems that the Israeli involvement is even less anchored in the definition of objectives and possibilities than was the case with the U.S. involvement. Nobody at the time doubted the ability of the North Vietnamese Government to impose its will on the Viet Cong. There is no one today who believes that the Government of Lebanon could impose its will on the PLO. And, secondly, what do we want to accomplish with regard to the Syrians: That they get out of Lebanon, or that they remove the terrorists, which is likely to mean that they replace the terrorists in southern Lebanon?

Is the U.S. reaction being taken into consideration, particularly now, in the shadow of Andrew Young's affair? Won't Washington avail itself of this opportunity to "repay" Israel with a southern Lebanese coin for the debt of the PLO and Resolution 242?

Today, fewer and fewer Americans are willing to say unambiguously that involvement in Vietnam was unjustified from the free world's point of view. Very few, however, believe that the involvement was soberly executed in accordance with global considerations at the highest political level. It may well be that it was the lack of such considerations that gave the involvement a form and nature which doomed it to failure. The involvement in southern Lebanon must also not be a priori condemned in general terms. One may and must, however, demand two things:

First, that the decisions at each stage be made in Jerusalem, at the prime minister's office and the Foreign Ministry; not at a local headquarters of the Northern Command.

Second, that the government explain to the Israeli public--which will get the bill, eventually--what it is doing in southern Lebanon and why it is doing it. Not only is the public entitled to know, but the duty of public explanation will force the Cabinet to clarify these questions in its own mind as well.

'AL HAMISHMAR: U.S. PROMPTING JOINT ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN STAND

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[Dalya Shehori article: "Indelicate U.S. Policy"]

[Text] The U.S. decision not to submit an American draft resolution on the Palestinian issue to the Security Council, and impose a veto to prevent the approval of another resolution, came following special Ambassador Robert Strauss' recommendation after he visited the region and spoke with Israeli and Egyptian leaders Begin and As-Sadat. Strauss was particularly impressed--nay, even surprised--by the position held by As-Sadat, who told him that if Israel did not agree to any changes in Resolution 242, there is no sense in supporting a change in that resolution, since this would undermine the peace treaty.

This was the second time that Egypt and Israel have taken a common stand opposite the United States.

The first was during the last round of autonomy talks in Alexandria, when Strauss' prompting of the parties to come up with a joint statement in a hurry--so that President Carter could be notified of it--resulted in a sort of "revolt" by Dr Burg and Dr Khalil, who both contended that they had enough time and that no decision should be adopted with undue haste.

It seems that in both incidents it was the position of the United States that contributed crucially to the emergence of the new phenomenon of a joint Egyptian-Israeli stand. It is true that the peace process has a pattern of its own, and it could be assumed from the start that Israel and Egypt, the former enemies, will be taking a common course, once their interests become integrated. However, it may be just as well assumed that without the U.S. "promotings" which, of necessity, ensued due to the inconsiderate and stubborn policy that was often being conducted, no such process of a joint Egyptian-Israeli stand--one that developed even faster than the normalization dictated by the peace treaty--would have been precipitated.

The history of U.S.-Israeli relations during the Carter administration shows that the coordinating of U.S.-Israeli positions, which with previous administrations used to be the cornerstone in relations between the two countries, ceased to exist. At first, there was a tendency to blame Israel and its policy for this, but with the passing of time, it became increasingly clear that it is the Carter administration which is not fond of coordinating positions and cooperation. Recently, the administration has been wont to adopt positions that are popular with Egypt, sometimes even hinting at lines that go further than Egypt's expectations. It is sufficiently clear, however, that these U.S. positions are not coordinated with Egypt, but are merely determined by what the State Department and the President's advisers deem to be best for the United States.

This assumption was confirmed to me not long ago by a U.S. diplomat who said that the Americans have, in the autonomy talks, one firm principle: Never go with one party against the other--regardless of whether it is with Israel against Egypt or with Egypt against Israel--because then it is even harder to persuade the isolated party to adopt the position of the other two, since it is convinced that the other two are in cahoots against it.

However, beyond this negotiation shrewdness, which is primarily tactical, there is also the policy of the present administration, characterized by a lack of delicacy, unpolished diplomacy, pragmatic probings and experimentations at the expense of the participating factors, even at the expense of the prestige of the United States itself. The U.S. policy of appeasement toward Saudi Arabia has had no positive results so far, but in its efforts to conduct a policy that would have the approval of the Saudis, the United States did not waver even a moment before antagonizing both Egypt and Israel.

In the talk between Strauss and Dr Burg that took place exactly 1 week ago, the Israeli spokesman told Strauss that in his view the United States should not raise proposals or intervene in the autonomy negotiations when issues are discussed on which Egypt and Israel alone could reach an agreement. Ambassador Strauss was agreeable to this approach, which may be why the U.S. delegation to the talks--which has lowered the profile of its activity since James Leonard's notorious suggestions in Alexandria--has not again become prominent. Both Israel and Egypt (again: Together, but each on its own) saw fit to go on record this week, after the meeting of the working groups in Alexandria, that the Americans behaved with restraint and intervened very little in the talks, without fulfilling any substantial role in them.

This shouldn't be construed to imply that the United States is no longer needed in the negotiations or that because of its lack of delicacy and sophistication it is playing only a negative role in the negotiations. The real problems of the autonomy--whether this will be a genuine autonomous body with an authority of its own, or a kind of municipal body under Israeli patronage; whether Jerusalem will be included in the autonomy; whether the autonomy guidelines agreed upon by Israel and Egypt will be sufficiently attractive to entice Palestinian representatives to join in the talks--problems that have already emerged but were immediately removed, all these leave a wide field for U.S. activity; if not in anything else, then at least in the wide possible spectrum of verbal suggestions--as the abovementioned diplomt put it--since the Americans are superior in their proficiency in the English language.

Ambassador Strauss did not sound like much of a vegetarian this week when he told Ze'ev Blitzer that from now on there will be no place for arguments and "baying at the moon," but "instead of cutting a little on the flesh, we have to cut a little into the bone" and adopt difficult resolutions, knowing that neither of the parties can achieve all it wants. It seems, however, that Robert Strauss would hardly think that the use of surgical or butcher parlance would contribute to any diplomatic gains. Other officials in the State Department do not think so and do not talk like that either. There is no doubt that the difficult resolutions are still in store for Israel. But such rough language from Strauss is not conducive to an Israeli, and perhaps also to an Egyptian, desire to avail itself of American advice.

The next diplomatic phase in the region will, in any case, be without U.S. participation. It will be the Egyptian-Israeli summit meeting between President as-Sadat and Prime Minister Begin in Haifa. The working groups that met this week and achieved only trivial accomplishments agreed that a further meeting was necessary before convening a plenary session of the Israeli, Egyptian and Jordanian [as published] delegations, but it was decided to hold the meeting in Herzliyya after the summit. In other words, both Israel and Egypt expect that a part of the difficulties that emerged among the working groups will be removed in the talks between the two leaders.

It is difficult to suppose that Begin and As-Sadat will find a mutual solution to the problem of the source of authority for the autonomy, or of the status of Jerusalem. It is possible, however, that they may reach agreement on less central issues, something that would facilitate continuing work in the committees and working groups. It should be kept in mind that one year--beginning with the treaty ratification--has been allotted to the negotiations for the establishment of the autonomy, which means that problems liable to halt the negotiations may be postponed. When the negotiations reach the stage of crucial problems that can no longer be ignored, then the United States will be able to play the key role in mediation. It appears, however, that if the United States wants to be popular with both parties, it should be better attuned to their sensitivities and their common interests.

AYATOLLAH KHAKHALI OFFERS AMNESTY TO KURDISH DEMOCRATS

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[Text] The following announcement was issued by Ayatollah Sheykh Sadeq Khalkhali, the religious judge in Sanandaj:

In His exalted name: I, Sadeq Khalkhali, on behalf of Imam Khomeyni, offer safe conduct to the Democrats provided that they turn themselves in and surrender, whether they be armed or unarmed. If they do this, they will be given safe conduct and will be free. Nobody will have the right to molest them. This is God's pledge. Hojjat ol-Eslam Khalkhali, the religious judge who is in the western part of the country to investigate the files of those who have been accused of having taken part in the events in this region, announced in an interview with the PARS NEWS AGENCY that in executing his mission, he will go to Saqqez, Baneh, Mahabad and other cities in the region after he is done in Sanandaj. After the trials end, he will give the results of the trials in Sanandaj and other cities in Kordestan to the mass media. Hojjat ol-Eslam Khalkhali said: Following the trial and execution of nine persons in Marivan who were accused of plotting against the revolution, the Sheykh-ol-Islam [a religious dignitary] of Marivan was also banished to Mashhad and the verdict of his banishment was carried out.

MAHABAD REPRESENTATIVES NEGOTIATE WITH GOVERNMENT

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[By Safa Haeri]

[Excerpts] Tehran, Aug 27 (AFP)--Former Iranian central bank governor Yussef Khochkich was standing trial here today on charges of permitting more than 2,000 million dollars to be transfrred abroad last year to finance the shah's life in exile. The trial started yesterday. Former Supreme Court prosecutor Nasser Yaganeh was among a number of other leading figures from the ousted shah's regime who stood accused on the same count.

In another development, a "final warning" was issued today that anyone found in illegal possession of arms would be executed as "corrupters on earth." The [words indistinct] Ahmad Azeri, Teheran revolutionary tribunal prosecutor, was published in the liberal daily BAMDAD. He ordered organisations and individuals to surrender unauthorised weapons immediately. Among political groups suspected of having big arms caches are the Marxist independent "Fedayeen Khalq" and Islamic socialist "Mojahedin-e Khalq" organisations.

Talks were meanwhile underway behind closed doors here today between representatives of the government and the town council from Mahabad, western Iran, where bitter fighting broke out last week between Kurds and security forces. Sources said the talks were aimed at laying the ground for the "peaceful" takeover of Mahabad by army forces and at quashing the recent ban on the Kurdish Democratic Party.

OCCUPIED MAHABAD RADIO REPORTED STILL OFF AIR

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[Text] The Mahabad radio and television center is still silent, occupied by the Kurdish Democratic Party.

After the attack on Friday, a group of armed members of the defunct Democratic Party attacked houses of the staff of the Voice and Profile of the Iranian Islamic Republic [radio and television], took the technical staff to the radio and television center and forced them to disconnect the 10-kilowatt radio transmitter and hand it over to them.

The traitorous members of the defunct Democratic Party then returned to our colleagues--having taken the transmitter--and took them to the leaders of the defunct Democratic Party and asked them to take the transmitter to the mountains and set it up there as a secret radio station. When the technicians explained that the transmitter needed electricity, it was not mobile and needed a long aerial and that it was technically impossible, the leaders started arguing among themselves why they had not thought of these difficulties beforehand. They then threatened our colleagues with execution if they did not start broadcasting within 48 hours. When our colleagues explained that this was impossible and that at least 15 days were required in order to check the cables and set up the transmitter, adding that transporting the transmitter would add to the technical damage, they refused to accept this.

Some of the nonlocal staff of the radio center have left Mahabad for Tehran to obtain the necessary parts. The rest of the staff, mostly local residents, are still being held hostage by members of the defunct Democratic Party in Mahabad.

BAZARGAN RADIOS CONGRATULATIONS TO SAQQEZ BARRACKS PERSONNEL

LD271144 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0930 GMT 27 Aug 79 LD

[Text] Prime Minister Mehdi Bazargan sent a radio message to the personnel in Saqqez barracks today. In the message the prime minister states: You have crushed the enemies of the revolution and the enemies of the Muslim Kurd nation, who were mercenaries employed by foreigners, with your resistance and self-sacrifice.

Guards Describe Saqqez Situation

LD271834 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 27 Aug 79 LD

[Text] According to a PARS NEWS AGENCY report from Kermanshah, one of the Revolution Guards, who had arrived in Kermanshah from Saqqez on board a helicopter with three wounded and the bodies of seven martyrs, said in an interview: The guards and members of the army who had been sent to Saqqez have complete control of the city at the moment and, so far, 150 of the insurgents and the members of the defunct Democratic Party have been arrested. He also added: Six of my companions also achieved the honor of martyrdom.

Four Soldiers Killed

LD271840 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 27 Aug 79 LD

[Text] According to the report of the central news bureau from Ahvaz, the 92d Armored Division in Khuzestan announced today that four of the officers, NCO's and soldiers of the 92d Armored Division of Khuzestan who since 19 August 1979 had been voluntarily dispatched to Saqqez to assist army personnel and the Revolution Guards who had been involved in the events in Saqqez, achieved the honor of martyrdom.

At the head of these four was Capt Hadi Farrokhnia, who was a struggling and revolutionary officer and who always wished for martyrdom. The rest of the martyrs were: Sgt (Mohammad Nikbezm), Sgt Morteza Maleki and Pvt Ali Ramazani, who were all among the strugglers and the sources of pride to this division. The funeral of the martyrs of this division will start from the Jundi-Shapur hospital toward Hoseyniyeh 'Azam and from there they will be carried on an ambulance to Beheshabad cemetary..

KURDS BLOW UP FUEL TANK AT RAILWAY STATION

LD271340 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0930 GMT 27 Aug 79 LD

[Text] The attackers of the defunct Democratic Party have exploded the fuel tank of the (?Selduz) railway station. Haqgo, governor general of West Azarbayjan, has said: In the confrontation between attackers and guards, one of the attackers was killed.

Tudeh Party Seeks 'Solution'

LD280911 Tehran ETTELA'AT in Persian 20 Aug 79 p 11 LD

[Unattributed report: "Tudeh Party of Iran Asks for Peaceful Solution to Kordestan Crisis"]

[Text] In a statement, the secretary general of the Tudeh Party of Iran has asked for a peaceful solution to the problem of Kordestan within the framework of the defense of the Iranian revolution and the guarantee of the national rights of the Kurdish people. The statement reads as follows:

"Nasty and dangerous incidents are taking place in Kordestan. A very complex and knotty problem has arisen in this region. The truth is that the large masses of the Kurdish people, like all the peoples of the country, seek the success of our country's great and historic revolution. They are ready to take part, shoulder to shoulder with other strugglers, in the sacred fight to extirpate the influence of the imperialists, in the forefront of whom are the American imperialists, the Zionists and the adherents of the shah's regime. Within the framework of this readiness to fight, and to engage in reconstruction, the Kurdish people, like all the people of Iran, demand removal of national restrictions."

The statement continues with a reference to the useful journey to Kordestan by Ayatollah Taleqani at the height of the Sanandaj crisis, and reads:

"It is a pity that these appropriate and positive measures were inconclusive. By bringing into play all its forces from all sides, counterrevolution has created this knotty problem which has now ended in bloodshed."

Referring to the activities of imperialism and Zionism against the Iranian revolution, the statement notes:

"The actions of imperialism and Zionism are not only accomplished through elements and groups associated with them, such as the Palizbans, the Salar Jafs and their ilk; they are also trying through their agents to set one group against another: the Shi'as against the Sunnis, the Kurds against the Azarbayjanis and Persians, the religious fanatics against the left, the extreme left against the religious forces, and everyone against everyone else.

Elsewhere, the statement proposes that the problem of the Kurdish people should be solved in an unemotional manner and with wisdom, through peaceful means, such as the establishment of the councils suggested by Ayatollah Taleqani. The statement reads:

The Tudeh Party of Iran has always believed that it must disclose and crush the role of imperialism, Zionism and the remnants of the Pahlavi regime, who have unfortunately been able to create tension among the revolutionary forces and bring about bloody clashes, the price of which, in the past analysis, the Kurdish people must pay."

ARMY MAN ARRESTED FOR INVOLVEMENT IN KHOMEYNI'S 1963 ARREST

LD271534 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0230 GMT 27 Aug 79 LD

[Text] The main individual in the imam's arrest in 1963 has been arrested. He is Lt Gen Hasan Badi'i, former chief of SAVAK in Bushehr. He has been arrested by Islamic Revolution Guards in Shiraz and handed over to prison officials. The spokesman of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps in Shiraz has said: Lt Gen Badi'i was chiefly responsible for the imam's arrest in 1963, and that is why he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant general.

It is said that he was responsible for harmonizing SAVAK activities with those of the CIA, the Israeli intelligence service and other intelligence agencies in the Middle East.

KHOMEYNI ADVOCATES PENSIONS TO DEAD SOLDIERS' RELATIVES

LD241717 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 24 Aug 79 LD

[Text] Imam Khomeyni, the leader of the Iranian Islamic revolution, in a letter to Prime Minister Mehdi Bazargan today stipulated that benefits and monthly salaries be paid to relatives of military personnel martyred in the incidents in the west of the country. The text of the letter is as follows:

In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful, Mr Mehdi Bazargan the prime minister: Benefits should be allocated and paid to the dependent relatives of the martyred military personnel. For dependents of the Guards, in addition to the benefits and similar to the military personnel, a monthly salary should be stipulated, with the approval of the Council of Ministers and the Revolution Council, to be paid to them regularly. [Signed] Ruhollah Mosavi Khomeyni.

BAZARGAN ORDERS REMOVAL OF UNCOOPERATIVE GOVERNMENT WORKERS

LD271808 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 27 Aug 79 LD

[Text] The following announcement has been issued by the prime minister concerning ministries and independent government organizations:

Since some government employees do not cooperate with the nation and the Islamic revolution and with the policy of the Government of the Islamic Republic, but instead find excuses to cause delays and even take part in deviationist and antirevolutionary criticism and sabotage, it is necessary that complete vigilance be exercized and that, without leniency and excuse, those who engage in sabotage and commit wrong acts be removed from their posts and be brought to trail.

NOTICE TO EDUCATORS TRANSFERRING TO NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES

GF271932 Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian 1830 GMT 27 Aug 79 GF

[Text] The general Department of Education for the Province of Fars has informed all employees of the Department of Education who have applied for transfer to neighboring countries to report immediately to the personnel office of the general Department of Education for the Province of Fars to determine their transfer status. Those educators who have applied for transfer to neighboring countries must report to Tehran on Friday morning, 31 August, to take part in the examinations and participate in the interview.

TEHRAN PAPER LISTS PUBLICATIONS EARMARKED FOR CLOSURE

LD280847 [Editorial Report LD] Tehran ETTELA'AT in Persian 21 August 1979 carries on pages 1 and 3 an unattributed report on the requested closure of 41 newspapers and magazines, beginning as follows: "The Ministry of National Guidance has asked the prosecutor for the provinces and the general prosecutor for the closure of 41 newspapers and magazines across the country in implementation of the press law, invoking the note appended to article 2 and note 1 of article 11 of the new press law." The central papers listed are:

GOZARESH-E RUZ
FARMAN
ASIA-YE JAVAN
TEHRAN MOSAVVAR
OMID-E IRAN
PEYGHAM-E EMRUZ
SHAHAB
DIPLOMAT
MEHR-E IRAN
MARD-E NOBAREZ
FERDOWSI
RUYDAD
AZHANG
EBTEKAR
ETTEHADIEH
FAVANMARDAN
DONYA-YE JADID
NAHID
SEPID O SIAH
KUSHESH

The listed provincial publications are:

NUR-E IRAN, NEDAYE KHORASAN, HIRMAN (Mashhad);
NEDAYE MELLAT VA FARYAD KHUZESTAN (Khuzestan);
SAR CHESHMEH (Fahm);
SEDAYE QAZVIN (Qazvin);
RU'YIN, SAYEBAN, TALEB-E HAQQ (Rasht);
PEYK-E KHOJASTE (Shiraz);
KHAK-E KHOSROW, SHAHED-E GHARB, FATEH (Kerman);
MOJAHED (Esfahan);
NEDAYE MIHAN (Hamadan);
NEDAYE LORESTAN (Borujerd);
SHAFAQ (Kashan);

On page 10, the same issue of ETTELA'AT lists 11 additional publications which the prosecutor intends to ban as being, in his view, "against Islam." They are:

MEHR-E; RANJBAR (organ of the revolutionary organization); TUFAN (organ of the Communist Party of Workers and Peasants); TUFAN (organ of the Marxist-Leninist Tufan group); SEPIDEH SORKH (organ of the Revolutionary Union of Struggling Women); SHANBEH SORKH (organ of the Student's Revolutionary Union); BARABARI (organ of the National Union of Women); ZAHMAT (organ of the revolutionary organization); EDALAT (organ of the Equity Association); HAFTE NAMEH RAHA'I (organ of the Organization for Communist Unity of Iran); SATTAR KHAN BAYRAGHI.

INA: ARABISTAN IRANIANS DEMAND RETURN OF RELIGIOUS LEADER

JN251240 Baghdad INA in Arabic 1230 GMT 25 Aug 79 JN

[Text] Tehran, 25 August--The Arabs in Arabistan have warned the Iranian Government of the stupidity of continuing to bar the return of Arab religious authority Shaykh Mohammad Taher al-Shobeyr Khaqani to his headquarters in Arabistan.

The Tehran TIMES newspaper reports today that the Arab citizens have issued a statement fixing today, Saturday, as the deadline for Khaqani's return. Khaqani was deported from Khorramshahr 2 months ago by the government guard.

FOUR GUARDS CLASH WITH 'INSURGENTS' IN AZARBAYJAN

LD271750 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 27 Aug 79 LD

[Text] According to the report of our correspondent from the radio and television station in Tabriz, there was an armed struggle between four members of the Islamic Revolution Guards of Tabriz and a number of the insurgents in Qezel-Abadad village in Hashtrud in Eastern Azarbayjan Province. One of the Guards named Khosro Aliabadai was martyred, and three others were wounded and are, at the moment, receiving treatment in Khomeyni and Red Lion and Sun hospitals in Tabriz. For the past few days, the Islamic Revolution Guards of Tabriz carrying a warrant from the office of the prosecutor had been looking for these insurgents. In this clash, the counterrevolutionaries escaped.

GOVERNMENT TO BUY ALL JAPANESE SHARES IN ABADAN FACTORIES

LD271338 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0930 GMT 27 Aug 79 LD

[Text] Iran is to buy all the Japanese shares in the Abadan petro-chemical factories.

TABRIZ PRISON MUTINY QUASHED 27 AUG

LD271820 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 27 Aug 79 LD

[Text] A mutiny by a number of the inmates of Tabriz prison today was eventually put down by the intervention of the armed forces and Revolution Guards. In connection with this development, the Tabriz Islamic Revolution Judiciary this evening issued the following statement:

In His exalted name; in the course of the disturbances at Tabriz prison today a number of inmates of one of the wards got together and, after smashing their way through the wall, broke into the prison yard and, with the help of other prisoners, tried to escape. These people initially smashed prison windows and, with the weapons they had seized, such an axe, a cleaver, a knife and iron rods, they attacked prison warders and guards. Following this attack, members of the Tabriz Islamic Revolution Committee, the army and reinforcements surrounded the Tabriz prison. As a result, the mutiny inside Tabriz prison was brought to an end with the martyrdom of one mojahed and the injury of several of the prisoners. At the moment, the forces guarding Tabriz prison are in control of the situation inside the prison and the Tabriz Islamic Revolution Judiciary is investigating the causes and the instigators of the incident.

[Signed] Prosecutor of the Tabriz Islamic Revolution Judiciary.

SANANDAJ COURT HANDS DOWN DEATH SENTENCES

LD271844 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 27 Aug 79 LD

[Excerpt] The Sanandaj Islamic Revolution Court, after 5 days of consideration of the files of 11 accused and counterrevolutionaries, issued its verdict at 1630 today as follows:

Brig Mozaffar Niazmand, the former commander of the Kordestan gendarmerie, and Sirus Manuchehri, deputy chief of the dissolved SAVAK of Kordestan, charged with putting down and killing revolutionaries, were acknowledged to have sown corruption on earth and waged war against God and God's people. In addition, 'Atalloh 'Ali Asghar Mobasseri, Jamil Yakhshali, Mozaffar Rahimi, Naser Salimi, 'Abdollah Puladishahriar Nahid and 'Ali Ahsan Nahid, charged with armed insurrection against the Islamic Republic of Iran and the killing of people in the incidents in Paveh, Saqqez, Naqadeh, Sanandaj and 'Isa Pir Vali, and for their direct involvement in the murder of Mohammad Reza Rahmanpur, known as Shater Mohammad, and of his son, Heshmatollah Rahsanpur, were acknowledged as having sown corruption on earth, and the death sentences passed on them were carried out at 1630 in Sanandaj today.

CITIZENS VOLUNTEER TO DEPART FOR PAVEH

GF279908 Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian 1430 GMT 26 Aug 79 GF

[Text] The people of the city of Ardekan gathered at the municipal building of Sepiran, asking to be sent to whatever part of the country necessary to crush the counter-revolutionaries.

Their representatives announced that if they were not provided with the necessary means of transportation, they would travel on foot the 84-kilometer distance between Ardekan and Shiraz. The women of Ardekan persistently requested to be sent to Paveh to crush the counterrevolutionaries. They declared they were ready to bear arms and fight against Iran's enemies under the harshest conditions until final victory.

Shiraz Mojahedin Depart for Paveh

GF270850 Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian 1430 GMT 26 Aug 79 GF

[Text] Answering the call be Imam Khomeyni, leader of Iran's Islamic revolution, members of the military cadre of the mojahedin organization of Iran's Islamic revolution in Sharaz departed for Paveh, accompanied by their guard brothers.

Shiraz Commemorates Martyrs

GF280835 Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian 1430 GMT 27 Aug 79 GF

[Text] Today, Shiraz glorified and paid its respects to the bravery, devotion and sacrifice of the martyrs of the 55th Air Brigade of Shiraz in their battle against the Kordestan counterrevolutionaries. The memorial services were held at the Vakil Mosque, at the invitation of he Ayatollah Haj Sheykh Baha'uddin Mahallati, to commemorate the 10 martyrs from the 55th Air Brigade of Shiraz. Families of the martyrs, clergy and people from all walks of life from Shiraz, and provincial officials, as well as the personnel of the Armed Forces of Iran's Islamic Republic stationed in Shiraz, attended the processions. In addition, several ayatollahs and hojjat ol-eslams from various cities of Fars, accompanied by people's representatives from these cities, participated in these processions.

Let their memories stay forever alive in our minds and may their names live forever.

MAN SENTENCED TO DEATH BY CENTRAL PROVINCE ISLAMIC COURT

LD271300 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0930 GMT 27 Aug 79 LD

[Excerpts] According to the PARS NEWS AGENCY, the spokesman of the Islamic Revolution Court of the central province said today that the court has announced its verdict on some of the people whose court hearings have been finalized.

Karim Bayrami, who confessed to killing the martyred mojahed, (Mahmud Mehrpur), by shooting him six times with his Colt last November and who also participated in the arrest of those who opposed [words indistinct], was declared to have waged war on God and God's prophet and [words indistinct] of the people of God, and was sentenced to death.

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran is responsible for providing for the dependent family of the accused at the level of the oppressed.

AFGHANISTAN

MARCHES, MEETINGS WELCOME TARAKI DECLARATION OF AMNESTY

GF270815 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 26 Aug 79 GF

[Excerpt] Following the declaration of full amnesty by the great leader of the people of Afghanistan, Nur Mohammad Taraki, secretary general of the Central Committee of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan and president of the Revolutionary Council, in his wise speech on the occasion of the 'Id al-Fitr holiday, today once again great Khalqi marches were staged by our noble and honorable people, and glorious meetings were held in various parts of the country.

Carrying the portraits of the people's beloved leader, Nur Mohammad Taraki, and colorful national flags and revolutionary banners, the marchers expressed their patriotic sentiments and gratitude to the great leader of the people of Afghanistan with regard to general amnesty for those who deserted their homes and residences and who can now freely return to their homes and live wherever they want.

Later, the marchers attended the meetings held for this purpose. At these meetings a number of intellectuals, clergy and ulema delivered statements and expressed their gratitude for the humane and humanistic character of the great leader of the people of Afghanistan, who once again has declared general amnesty for those who left their homes.

TARAKI CHAIRS, ADDRESSES COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING

LD262036 Kabul in English to Europe 1900 GMT 26 Aug 79 LD

[Text] The Council of Ministers met under the chairmanship of the great leader of the people of Afghanistan, Nur Mohammad Taraki, secretary general of the Central Committee of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan [PDPA] and president of the Revolutionary Council from 1100 until 1330 at the People's House today.

At the beginning of the session the beloved and great leader of the people of Afghanistan, Nur Mohammad Taraki, secretary general of the Central Committee of the PDPA and Chairman of the Revolutionary Council, gave a brief report about the internal situation of the country and international issues to the Council of Ministers.

Afterwards, the Council of Ministers, while debating on a series of proposals by the ministries, took appropriate decisions on them. In addition, the Council of Ministers in its today's session, and based on the proposal of the Ministry of Justice, approved after scrutiny the law of the specialised attorney's office of the agency for preservation of the interests of Afghanistan, the AGSA, on the basis of the legal decree of the president of the Revolutionary Council of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan.

FURTHER REPORTAGE ON INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY CONFERENCE

Amin Reads Taraki Speech

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[Text] The International Conference of Solidarity With the People of Afghanistan was opened yesterday at the hall of the polytechnic institute by reading out the revolutionary message of the great and ingenious leader of the people of Afghanistan, Nur Mohammad Taraki, secretary general of the Central Committee of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan and chairman of the Revolutionary Council of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan, and the zealous and scholarly speech of Hafizollah Amin, secretary and member of the Politburo of the Central Committee of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan and lomri wazir.

The opening session of the conference, held in solidarity with the people of Afghanistan under the auspices of the World Peace Council with the participation of representatives and delegations of more than 60 peace and solidarity organizations and 10 national liberation movements, was attended by members of the Politburo and Central Committee of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan, members of the Revolutionary Council and Council of Ministers, high-ranking civilian officials, secretaries and members of the party districts of Kabul city, members of the peace and solidarity organization of Afghanistan, the leadership of Khalqi youth and women's organizations and a large number of persons interested in the deliberations, and some of the heads of the diplomatic missions accredited to Kabul.

BAKHTAR NEWS AGENCY reporter notes that Hafizollah Amin, secretary and member of the Politburo of the Central Committee of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan and lomri wazir, arrived at the polytechnic institute around 1500 and was warmly received at the entrance of the institute's gymnasium where the conference is being held by Khayal Mohannad Katawazi, minister of information and culture and president of the peace and solidarity organization of Afghanistan, and Romesh Chandra, president of the World Peace Council.

When the lomri wazir entered the gymnasium the audience stood up and welcomed him warmly and sincerely with prolonged clapping and showering him with petals. Then the national anthem of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan was played and the revolutionary message of the great leader of the people of Afghanistan, Nur Mohammad Taraki, secretary general of the Central Committee of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan and chairman of the Revolutionary Council, issued in the name of the international conference of solidarity with the people of Afghanistan, was read out by Hafizollah Amin, lomri wazir, who was most warmly welcomed by the participants of the conference with prolonged clapping.

Message of the great leader of the people of Afghanistan, Nur Mohammad Taraki, secretary general of the Central Committee of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan and chairman of the Revolutionary Council of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan, addressed to the International Conference of Solidarity With the People of Afghanistan sponsored by the World Peace Council:

Esteemed comrades, dear guests of fighters for peace: Allow me first of all to welcome you to ancient and peace-loving soil of Afghanistan on behalf of the Central Committee of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan, the Democratic Republic, and the valorous and toiling people of Afghanistan, and on my own behalf, and to express my best wishes for your success in ensuring of just and lasting peace in the world.

The World Peace Council has on all continents united vast and strong forces against war and aggression and has played a profound role for the sake of peace, independence, democracy, and for the rights of all the peoples and for prevention of world war, and harnessing the reactionary warmongers' aggressive forces. Whenever war and aggression have threatened any corner of the world and the lives of the people, the World Peace Council has united the vast progressive forces and (?fighters) for elimination of danger and has thus defended the right of peoples for attaining just peace. Since its establishment the World Peace Council, despite the inhuman attempts of the warmongering forces and the merchants [words indistinct] war and aggression, has tried to strengthen the countries desirous of peace and to consolidate peace, democracy and social progress. Thus peace has been consolidated in the world and world wars have been averted.

The success of the forces of peace in easing tension and (?problems) and developing of detente and limiting of arms race is properly reflected by SALT II agreement, by SALT II treaty signed between the USSR and USA in Vienna. This treaty has created considerable optimism as to the future of peace among the masses. Allow me to convey my own sincere congratulations and those of the peace-loving people of Afghanistan on this great success to you, to all proponents of peace, democracy and social progress.

The heroic people of Afghanistan who assumed political power with the victory of the Great Sawr Revolution earnestly favor peace and peaceful coexistence, and wish to live in peace and tranquillity with all the countries of the world, including the neighboring countries, because as in other countries held backward, she direly needs peace and tranquillity for elimination of her backwardness. We do not intervene in the affairs of any country and shall permit no one to interfere in our internal affairs. After the Great Sawr Revolution the great tasks which have been so far accomplished have all been in the interests of the toiling people of Afghanistan and damaged the interests of no other people in the world and can serve as examples for countries with similar conditions.

But unfortunately, the reactionary circles of Pakistan and the fanatics of Iran, along with other reactionary and imperialistic circles, and the supporters of left extremists, and the reactionary circles of the region and the world, shamelessly interfere in our internal affairs and wish to subvert the peaceful (?exertions) of the people of Afghanistan for serving their country, and to expose peace in the region and in the world to danger.

We declare once again to the world that we are staunch supporters of peace in the region and in the world, and are prepared to live in peace with our neighbors. Our only demand is that they do not intervere in our internal affairs, and that the reactionary forces of Pakistan and the shortsighted fanatics of Iran cease their armed intervention on our sacred soil and do not become tools in the hands of the imperialistic forces and their leftist supporters, and not to act against their toilers; otherwise, they will be responsible for the dire consequences of their aggressions and intervention.

Esteemed comrades and fighters for peace, in conclusion, for consolidation of peace and tranquillity in the world, I wish you great successes in your historic mission. I express my heartfelt and profound thanks for your fraternal solidarity with the heroic people of Afghanistan for ensuring the peace and an honorable life. Nur Mohammad Taraki, secretary general of the Central Committee of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan and chairman of the Revolutionary Council of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan.

The secretary and member of the Politburo of the Central Committee of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan and lomri wazir, after reading out the message of our ingenious leader, delivered his zealous and scholarly speech. The text of the speech will be broadcast later.

After the speech of the lomri wazir, Khayal Mohammad Katawazi, minister of information and culture and chairman of the peace and solidarity organization of Afghanistan, and Romesh Chandra, president of the World Peace Council, also delivered zealous speeches in connection with the convening of the international conference in solidarity with the people of Afghanistan. BAKHTAR correspondent adds that the great hall of the polytechnic institute's gymnasium was adorned with great national banner of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan and the symbol of the World Peace Council and Red revolutionary slogans. The inaugural session of the International Conference in Solidarity with the Peace [as heard] of Afghanistan ended in a highly infused atmosphere. The conference meetings will continue until Monday.

Conference Conclusion

GF262150 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 26 Aug 79 GF

[Text] The great leader of the people of Afghanistan, Nur Mohammad Taraki, secretary general of the Central Committee of the PDPA and president of the Revolutionary Council, received, at the Khalqi house at 1500 today, Romesh Chandra, president of the World Peace Council. Khayal Mohammad Katawazi, minister of information and culture and president of the Aghanistan peace and solidarity organization, was present also.

During this meeting, Romesh Chandra said to our great leader: We regard you as a symbol of peace in your country, and we appreciate and value your personality for having carried out long battles on the road of peace, which you are still pursuing. Romesh Chandra also submitted to our beloved leader a report on the convening of the International Conference of Solidarity With the People of Afghanistan, which was to his complete satisfaction.

During the meeting, which was held in a very friendly atmosphere, the great leader of Afghanistan spoke eloquently about the importance of peace in the world and the role of the World Peace Council in strengthening the peace movement and expressed satisfaction with the convening of the international conference of solidarity, which was held in Kabul with the cooperation of the World Peace Council.

The Information Office of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs reports that Hafizollah Amin, secretary and member of the Politburo of the Central Committee of the PDPA and prime minister, honoring the participants in the International Conference of Solidarity With the People of Afghanistan. Those attending this banquet included members of the Politburo and the Central Committee of the PDPA, members of the Revolutionary Council and Cabinet members, high-ranking government officials, Romesh Chandra, president of the World Peace Council, as well as the delegates to the conference from national liberation organizations.

The information office of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs reports that Hafizollah Amin, secretary and member of the Politburo of the Central Committee of the PDPA and prime minister, received at the Foreign Ministry today at 1800 His Excellency (Sego Melki), head of the South African national congress delegation in New Delhi, and discussed matters of mutual interest. During this meeting (Sego Melki) delivered a message from his organization to the minister of foreign affairs.

The International Conference of Solidarity With the People of Afghanistan, which began its sessions in Kabul on 24 August with the reading of the message from the great leader of the people of Afghanistan, Nur Mohammad Taraki, secretary general of the Central Committee of the PDPA and president of the Revolutionary Council, and a statement by Hafizollah Amin, secretary and member of the Politburo of the Central Committee of the PDPA and and prime minister, ended successfully this evening with the issuing of a declaration.

At the closing session of the conference, which was held today at 1500 in the ballroom of the Intercontinental Hotel, the approved text of the declaration of the International Conference of Solidarity With the People of Afghanistan, held in Kabul, was read by Romesh Chandra, president of the World Peace Council, and participants in the conference, and it was approved by unanimous vote in a totally democratic atmosphere.

Further, at the closing session, the following messages and resolutions were read separately by the president of the World Peace Council and were approved unanimously: Message of the International Conference of Solidarity With the People of Afghanistan addressed to the conference of the heads of states and governments of the nonalined nations; message to the United Nations General Assembly; message to the peoples of Vietnam, Laos and Kampuchea; message of support for the national liberation movements of Africa; message to the people of Palestine; a resolution supporting the peaceful policies and actions of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan; and a message addressed to the conference of solidarity with Latin America and the Caribbean.

Reporting on the proceedings of the conference, the BAKHTAR correspondent indicates that during today's afternoon session, Khayal Mohammad Katawazi, president of the Afghanistan peace and solidarity organization and minister of information and culture, in connection with the Great Sawr Revolution and the peaceful policy of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan [DPA] delivered a lengthy statement and expressed his gratitude that representatives of various countries, as well as members of the press and interpreters, could participate in the conference.

Likewise, Dr Asadullah Amin, vice president of the Afghanistan peace and solidarity organization and second deputy for political affairs in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, made certain remarks regarding the lofty humanistc goals of the progressive system of the DRA and the steps taken by our popular government on the road to creating a society free of any exploitation of man by man.

The BAKHTAR correspondent adds that at the closing session of the International Conference of Solidarity With the People of Afghanistan, Romesh Chandra, president of the World Peace Council, delivered a passionate and lengthy speech. He said: I am very honored that yesterday I was afforded the opportunity to visit a humble house in Kabul. This was a house made by history. It was a house in which conversations about revolution used to take place and the best sons of this country held their meetings. I will always remember this humble and small house. This was the house of the great leader of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan, Nur Mohammad Taraki, where he lived with his family and friends. This house belonged to the people and still belongs to them.

I was quite overjoyed that I was at least able to see and touch one of the items in this house which, fortunately, was the chair in which Comrade Taraki and Comrade Hafizollah Amin had sat.

He went on to say: When I entered that house, I stole something very valuable: a leaf from a tree, a tree planted by Comrade Nur Mohammad Taraki himself. I took this leaf and placed it over my heart, and I know that a corner of my heart is a corner of revolutionary Afghanistan. Referring to the common history of India and Afghanistan, Romesh Chandra cited the great changes that have taken place in Afghanistan following the Great Sawr Revolution.

THE BAKHTAR correspondent adds that after the conclusion of the International Conference of Solidarity With the People of Afghanistan, continuous applause and shouts of slogans from the audience greeted the national anthem, which was sung in front of the Intercontinental Hotel by the members of the youth and women Khalqi organization with the participation of Khayal Mohammad Katawazi, minister of information and culture, Asadullah Amin, vice president of the Afghanistan peace and solidarity organization, and a number of conferees.

According to another report, during this morning's session of the conference, chaired by (Indo Lucio), chief of Colombian delegation, the representatives of the people of Laos, Palestine, Pushtun and Baluch, Finland, Al-Maghreb, Afghanistan and Austria each read statements expressing their total and relentless solidarity with the people of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan and with the Afghanistan organization of peace and solidary. The morning speakers read their statements regarding the lofty goals of the World Peace Council in defense of peace and solidarity with peace-loving countries and peace-seeking peoples of the world.

They said: The popular regime of Afghanistan, under the leadership of the people's Democratic Republic of Afghanistan and the wise guidance of the great leader of the people, Nur Mohammad Taraki, secretary general of the Central Committee of the people's Democratic Republic of Afghanistan and president of the Revolutionary Council of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan, has successfully embarked upon a new life for the toiling people of Afghanistan by eliminating the many difficulties inherited in this country from past years. Furthermore, he has striven with complete certainty on the path of expanding and reconstructing Afghanistan's modern society.

The speakers at the sessions of the International Conference of Solidarity With the People of Afghanistan added: All the world peace organizations and their defenders fully support the national and individual struggles of the peoples who are destroying and eliminating the jaded social systems and antinational regimes, or who are engaged in battles against such regimes and systems. They call on the people of the remotest parts of the world to support these righteous struggles.

While condemning and denouncing the plots and intrigues of international imperialism and reactionaries aimed at Afghanistan, the speakers stated that the sources of imperialism and the black international reactionaries, who have lost their privileges because of the victory of the Great Sawr Revolution in Afghanistan, have now resorted to all kinds of venomous propaganda, treacherous plots and intrigues and acts of shameful aggression against the popular regime and the toiling people of Afghanistan in order to revive their lost power and once again to preserve their privileges. The peace-loving countries and peoples of the world, however, are certain that all plots in Afghanistan hatched by the reactionary forces and imperialist circles will soon be frustrated and nullified by the popular government of Afghanistan. All these plots will be unsuccessful in the face of the roars of revolution of the Afghanistan people.

They added: Today, the forces of imperialism and the international reactionaries cannot hold back the peaceful efforts of the people of Afghanistan and other progressive countries of the world to build a burgeoning society and bring tranquility to the toiling people of the world. The progressive and peace-loving nations and the peace-seeking forces of the world are presently united more than ever before, and they have always taken a serious position toward the aggressions of imperialism and warmongers and have condemned their treacherous acts.

The speakers praised and acclaimed the (?fruits) produced for the toiling people of Afghanistan following the victory of the Great Sawr Revolution and said: The Democratic Republic of Afghanistan and its toiling people are fighting to combat imperialism, exploitation, Zionism, racial discrimination and apartheid, as well as to secure peace and ease international tensions and achieve total and complete disarmament. The progressive circles in the world and the peace-loving nations offer their full and all-round support and protection for these struggles.

According to another report, the third session of the International Conference of Solidarity With the People of Afghanistan was held last night at 2030 in the ballroom of the Intercontinental Hotel. At this meeting, the deputy chief of the Czechoslovak council on solidarity, the dean of [word indistinct] college in Kabul; the representative of the legislative council of Canada; the head of the Afghanistan youth Khalqi organization; the Indian representative; the president of the party cadres of the Ministry of Industries of the DRA; the vice chairman of the Islamic society in Delhi and the president of the academy of science delivered special statements regarding the great revolution of the people of Afghanistan and its impact on the countries of the region and the world and criticized and rebuked the plots of imperialism and the reactionaries. The session ended at 2300.

Delegates Visit Afghan Provinces

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[Excerpts] At the start of the gathering In Qandahar Province the Afghan national anthem was played. Afterward, Taher Jan Sahra'I welcomed the guests on behalf of the noble people of Qandahar and stated inhis speech: Our popular government, under the leadership of the powerful teacher of the people, Nur Mohammad Taraki, secretary general of the Central Committee of the PDPA [People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan] and president of the Revolutionary Council of the DRA [Democratic Republic of Afghanistan] hope to see the flag of peace hoisted in all corners of the world. He said: The toiling people of Afghanistan have always wanted peace, and this desire and interest have increased, especially following the victory of the Sawr Revolution. Today the people of the world need peace, and the people of Afghanistan, more than any other people, are in need of peace.

Following these remarks, Romesh Chandra, president of the World Peace Council, in his statement on behalf of the delegations of the peace organizations, said: The Kabul conference has proved that all liberation movements in the world are combating the exploiters and reactionaries. Afghanistan is not alone in this endeavor because Afghanistan is fighting for world peace, and the world is fighting for peace in Afghanistan.

Romesh Chandra added: Yesterday I had the honor to meet a great leader whose love is directed not only to the toiling people of Afghanistan, but to the hearts of the toiling people of the world. This man is the great leader and powerful teacher of the people of Afghanistan, Nur Mohammad Taraki.

The president of the World Peace Council added: Yesterday I promised your great leader and today I promise you, the people of Qandahar, that those of us who have gathered here from all corners of the world give you our assurance of all-round support for the Great Sawr Revolution. We are certain that imperialism is on the verge of decline and downfall. We will carry the red roses of peace from here to all corners of the world. We will preserve them, for we know these are the peace flowers of Afghanistan.

Later the representative of England said in his statement: I feel both ashamed and proud, for England has engaged in certain activities around the world for the sake of imperialist policies, and you people have thereby achieved your liberty. I feel proud to represent the people who are the forces of ideology, and who 50 years ago supported your rights. [as heard] Now they support your revolution. With the success of the Great Sawr Revolution, the chains of British colonialism broke and fell apart; now they are trying to engage in plots and intrigues against your revolution. A clear example of this is their apparatus of lies. Do not trust them, for in England no one trusted them.

The BAKHTAR correspondent reports from Parvan Province that another group of members of the International Conference of Solidarity With the People of Afghanistan today took part in a large meeting at the provincial capital of Charikar, arranged by the noble people of Parvan Province to demonstrate their solidarity with the peace-loving people of the world.

At the beginning of the meeting, after the playing of the national anthem of Afghanistan, 'Abdul Haq Samadi, secretary of the provincial committee and governor of Parvan, welcomed the delegates of the International Conference of Solidarity With the People of Afghanistan to Parvan Province and added: The brave and patriotic people of Parvan Province are honored that the members of the World Peace Council today are visiting the heartland of Afghanistan and this [word indistinct] that the toiling people of Afghanistan are ready for any and all types of sacrifice to defend their popular revolution.

Later the secretary of the African peace organization, the U.S. representative, the secretary general of the Bangladesh National Awami Party, and one of the members of the Belgian peace organization, as well as the representative of the GDR and representatives of India and Germany, each delivered a passionate speech expressing their people's solidarity and good will toward the noble and peace-loving people of Parvan Province.

Addressing the noble people of Parvan, the secretary of the African peace organization said: We have come from faraway lands to stress and express our and our people's solidarity with the Great Sawr Revolution and the brave people of Afghanistan. We are certain that under the leadership of the PDPA and the wise guidance of the great leader of the people, Nur Mohammad Taraki, secretary general of the Central Committee of the PDPA and president of the Revolutionary Council of the DRA, and through their solidarity with the peace-loving people and countries of the world, the toiling people of Afghanistan will destroy imperialism in their beautiful country and announce their new society.

The U.S. representative stated in his speech: Before our trip to Afghanistan, as a result of baseless propaganda and inadequate knowledge of the sources of imperialism, we thought that coming to Afghanistan would be a very difficult task.

The proponents of the reactionary forces are everywhere surrounded by the enemies of the Afghanistan revolution. Fortunately, we see today with our own two eyes that all the propaganda of the enemies of the toiling people of Afghanistan is totally unfounded and inaccurate. We can even perceive that the toiling people of Afghanistan are already on the road toward a society of equality and fraternity.

According to a report from the BAKHTAR correspondent in Qonduz Province, another group of delegates to the International Conference of Solidarity With the People of Afghanistan, upon their arrival in Qonduz, took part in a large march staged by thousands of the noble and toiling people of that province in support of world peace. The marchers carried large portraits of the great leader of Afghanistan, Nur Mohammad Taraki, secretary general of the Central Committee of the PDPA and president of the Revolutionary Council of the DRA, colorful national flags and revolutionary banners, their work tools and farming equipment.

Later the delegates attended a rally arranged by the noble people of Qonduz, members of the city committee, the Khalqi organizations of women and youth, labor unions, credit cooperatives and farm cooperatives and committees for the defense of the revolution.

At the beginning of the rally, the national anthem of the DRA was played. Later, the committee secretary for the Province of Qonduz and governor of Qonduz stated in his welcoming address: The people of Qonduz welcome you to this province because you are all supporters of peace and security and you are struggling to secure world peace.

TARAKI THANKS UNESCO FOR CONVENING KABUL SEMINAR

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[Excerpts] With reading out of the message of the great teacher of the people of Afghanistan, Nur Mohammad Taraki, secretary general of the Central Committee of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan and chairman of the Revolutionary Council, by Prof Mahmud Suma, minister of higher and vocational education, a scientific seminar on planning the establishment of a regional center for the engineering institutes of South and Central Asia with the assistance of UNESCO, was opened this morning at the auditorium of Kabul University.

In this scientific seminar, which will last for 4 days, besides a number of scholars, professors of Kabul University, representatives of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan as well as the representatives from Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and the representatives of the Engineering Education Association for South and Central Asia countries, the Ministry of Planning and the National Commission of Afghanistan for UNESCO, have participated in the seminar as observers.

The working program of the establishment of the regional center among the engineering institutes of South and Central Asia, the secretariat structure, venue and work of the center and other problems concerning the establishment of such a center are being devised and assessed in the seminar.

Our great leader in his message noted:

It is a matter of pleasure that the planning session of the establishment of the regional engineering institute network under the auspices of the college of engineering, with the cooperation of UNESCO, is being convened in Kabul. I sincerely welcome all those guests who have come to Kabul to participate in this meeting and convey my best regards and good wishes to all the participate in this meeting and convey my past regards and good wishes to all the participants of this meeting. I hope that they will enjoy their stay in Kabul.

Our beloved country, Afghanistan, because of the domination of the local reactionary classes and ruling of colonialism and imperialism, was kept in very backward feudal production relation stage. Unemployment, illiteracy, disease and other social evils, undesirable citizens and (?great) backwardness, were existing. The standard of living of the people was generally very low. But with the success of the great Sawr revolution, during the last 16 months, in accordance with the basic lines of revolutionary duty of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan, basic and desirous changes have been [word indistinct] in our society.

Some 3 million jeribs of land have been distributed among 300,000 farmers' families. A large number of peasants have joined the assistance fund and agricultural cooperatives and the government, with a view to develop agriculture and improve the living conditions of the farmers, assist them through bank credits, machinery and equipment, chemical fertilizer, agricultural (?seeds), etc., bribery has been nearly eliminated. Considerable reductions in the price of medicine and many facilities have been provided in health a affairs. Effective measures have been taken for the improvement of the living condition of the workers and other toiling people of Afghanistan.

Campaign against illiteracy has begun in every corner of the country and successfully proceeds (?forward). The (?whole) population census was successfully concluded for the first time in our country. The first 5-year development plan of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan has been devised and its first year begun 5 months ago.

Wide steps have been taken for the expansion and improvement of the education system, expansion of primary, secondary and vocational school network, increase in the number of students and improvement of its programs and increase in the number of students.

The development and progress of science and technology as well as the training of cadres, scientific, technical and professional personnel, is considered essential for the evolution and fast development of the production power of our society. Therefore, on such occasion, the convening of the planning session of establishment of a regional engineering institute center by UNESCO in our country is valuable and of great importance.

In order to have more contacts between the engineering institutes in the region, who are (?active in) similar conditions, and training professional and technical personnel for their respective countries, results of the training information and scientific research being exchanged,,facilitating the ground for mutual assistance and in this way cooperation is being extended to the engineering institutes in our country in better fulfilling their duty. (?We, therefore,) appreciate such activities of UNESCO and wish that they will be further expanded.

In conclusion, I thank UNESCO for the convening of this meeting and hope that it will successfully end and will have useful and interesting results for the participants.

[Signed] Nur Mohammad Taraki, secretary general of the Central Committee of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan and chairman of the Revolutionary Council.

REBELS BLOW UP BUS, KILL MORE THAN FIFTY 25 AUG

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[Text] Kabul, 27 Aug, (AFP)--Between 50 and 60 Afghan civilians were killed when Muslim rebels blew up a bus on Saturday near Ghazni, some 150 KM (about 100 miles) south of Kabul, informed sources said here today.

The bus was halted at a roadblock on the main Kabul-Kandahar highway by a rebel group who wished to kill followers of the pro-communist government who might be among the passengers. One of the travelers killed the first rebel to step into the bus and the other rebels then blew up the vehicle with all its passengers inside.

Kabul itself was calm and not unduly affected by the revolt which has spread to many of the provinces. But reservists have been called up to help against the rebellion which the 90,000-man army is fighting on several fronts, notably in the south-east, center and north-east of the country.

Army pay was considerably raised a few days ago: by 100 percent for officers but somewhat less for the men. Sources here said President Nur Mohammad Taraki has asked the Soviet Union to fund the pay increases as the Afghan budget could not cope with the increased expense.

DELEGATION LEAVES FOR HAVANA NONALINED CONFERENCE

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[Text] Dr Shah Wali, secretary and member of the Politburo of the Central Committee of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan, deputy lomri wazir [prime minister] and minister of foreign affairs of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan, along with his accompanying delegation, left for Havana to participate in the preliminary session of the nonalined summit conference, which is expected to convene in Havana, the capital of the People's Republic of Cuba, at 1000 this morning.

Those present at Kabul International Airport to bid farewell to Dr Shah Wali and his accompanying delegation were certain members of the Politburo and Central Committee of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan and Council of Ministers. Deputy ministers of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, chiefs of Cabinet and (?president) of the Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, ambassador of the USSR and charge d'affaires of the Embassy of the People's Republic of Cuba in Kabul.

The delegation of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan includes Shah Mohammad Dost, the first political deputy minister of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and a number of high-ranking officials of that ministry.

TEHRAN REPORTS CLASHES WITH OPPOSITION GROUPS

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[Text] In a telephone conversation with the central news bureau of the voice and profile [radio and television] of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the spokesman of the Islamic Society of Afghanistan [jam'iyat'e Eslami-ye Afghanistan] said:

In a clash which took place on the border of Farah Province, near Farah Rud, 2 days ago between Afghanistan's Islamic mojahedin, who are members of the League of Islamic Alliance, and the ruling mercenary forces, large quantities of military arms and ammunition were confiscated in the interest of the nation. According to the spokesman of the Islamic Society of Afghanistan, during the clash 20 assistants of the ruling regime were killed and their properties were confiscated for the benefit of needy mojahedin. The spokesman added: During this clash the Islamic mojahedin also suffered a few losses.

Meanwhile, one of the main opposition groups to Taraki today called on the Muslim strugglers to step up their struggle to topple the regime of Nur Mohammad Taraki, the leader of Afghanistan.

The spokesman of the revolutionary movement of Afghanistan, speaking at a ceremony to mark 'Id al-Fitr in Peshawar, said: All the people of Afghanistan have been asked to refrain from celebrating 'Id al-Fitr in view of the situation in the country.

INDIA

LIBYA REPORTEDLY CUTS CRUDE OIL SUPPLIES 27 AUG

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[Text] New Delhi, 27 Aug (AFP)--Libya has stopped crude oil supplies to India for reasons which officials are not yet willing to divulge, says the English daily TIMES OF INDIA.

But, another daily, THE ECONOMIC TIMES, quoting diplomatic sources said that it was primarily on account of political considerations that Col. al-Qadhdhafi's regime has stopped oil supplies.

Under the contract signed with Tripoli, after protracted negotiations Libya was to supply 2.3 million tons of crude to India. The agreement stipulated that 1 million tons will be supplied during the current calendar year while the balance 1.3 million tons will arrive during the dirst quarter of 1980, but so far Libya had actually supplied a little over 300,000 tons of crude oil.

According to reports, there is still time enough to make good the balance of 700,000 tons in 1979 provided bilateral negotiations remove the unspecified difficulties that seem to have cropped up. Officials are hoping for an amicable settlement, but are nevertheless on the look-out for new sources of crude. The need to diversify sources of supply has been underlined by troubles in Iran and now the attitude of Libya, Half a million tons of oil has been tied up with a new supplier, Nigeria.

Import requirements this year have been estimated at 16 million tons of crude and 4 million tons of refined products, these reports added.

Indian Denial

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[Text] New Delhi, 27 Aug (AFP)--An official spokesman today denied press reports here that Libya had suspended oil supplies to India.

The spokesman told the press that there had been no official intimation to this effect.

He said Libya had contracted to sell 1 million tons of oil to India this year of which 350,000 tons had already arrived. The last shipment arrived in the first week of August.

The spokesman was commenting on reports that Libya has stopped crude oil supplies to this country due to some unspecified reasons. The ECONOMIC TIMES, quoting diplomatic sources, said that it was primarily on account of political considerations that Col al-Qadhdhafi's regime has stopped oil supplies.

PARTIES REPORTED AGREEING ON JOINT ELECTION FRONT

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[Text] New Delhi, Aug 27 (AFP)--Caretaker Prime Minister Charan Singh's ruling alliance has reached an understanding with leftist parties, including communists, to fight the forthcoming parliamentary general elections jointly.

Madhu Limaye, an important leader of the alliance, said here today that a consensus to this effect had been reached at a meeting with leaders representing all the five main leftist parties.

Besides the two largest communist parties--Communist Party of India, Marxist (CPM) and pro-Moscow communists (CPI)--the others involved were Peasants and Workers Party (PEP).

The plan is to fight jointly both the other two main rivals, the Congress Party (Indira faction) of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and the Janata of Mr. Singh's predecessor Prime Minister Morarji Desai, whose government resigned in mid-July last.

This arrangement, which is yet to be worked out in detail, would mean that the fight would be for all practical purposes a three-cornered one, excluding unattached independents who may enter the fray for some of the seats.

Mr. Limaye said his alliance and the leftists would field a single candidate in each constituency. The ruling alliance itself consists of Mr. Singh's own Janata (secular) and the official Congress Party of Deputy Prime Minister Yeshwantrao Chavan, besides several other splinter groups.

As it is, both Mrs. Gandhi's party and Janata have not been offered or accepted any such electoral adjustment yet by any major other party. Janata's General Secretary Nanaji Deshmukh told reporters that his party would fight the polls on its own, subject only to local adjustments with its "tested" allies whom he did not name.

JANATA-S, ALLIES DECIDE ONE CANDIDATE PER CONSTITUENCY

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[Text] The Janata-S, Congress and five lefist parties today arrived at consensus to put up one candidate in each constituency in the midterm polls to the Lok Sabha. This was stated by the Janata-S leader, Mr Madhu Limaye, after a meeting of the coordinating committee of these parties in New Delhi today. He told newsmen that it has been left to the parties to work out the idea into practice through discussions at the state level.

Mr Limaye said this arrangement aims at bringing about defeat of the authoritarian and the communal forces. He said today's meeting also wanted realinement of political forces and consolidation of left and democratic forces. The meeting felt that an honest coalition of the Janata-S, Congress and allies with a left orientation will lead to a shift in social and economic policies, and to the defeat of the vested interests.

Mr Limaye said the meeting reviewed the political situation, especially the dissolution of the Lok Sabha.

The meeting strongly condemned what it called "the undignified attack on the president."

Mr Limaye said the national convention of the secular, democratic, socialist forces will be held on the 18th of next month in New Delhi. Today's meeting also decided to involve labor, youth, kisan, [peasant] and women's organizations.

The meeting was attended by the leaders of Janata-S Congress, CPI [Communist Party of India], CPI-M [Communist Party of India-Marxist], Peasants and Workers Party and the forward bloc.

PRESIDENT REDDY PROROGUES RAJYA SABHA 24 AUG

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[Text] The president, Mr Sanjiva Reddy, has prorogued the Rajya Sabha session with immediate effect.

COMMUNIST PARTY BREAKS WITH CONGRESS-I

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[Text] New Delhi, 25 Aug (AFP)--The pro-Moscow Communist Party of India (CPI) has made its break with Mrs. Indira Gandhi complete with a call to other leftist parties to come together to fight the former prime minister in the forthcoming parliamentary polls.

CPI General Secretary Rajeshwara Rao said in a statement here today that leftist and other like-minded parties should come forward "without losing any time" to evolve a third front against both "authoritarian forces" of Mrs. Gandhi and the erstwhile ruling Janata Party "dominated by rabid communal forces."

The CPI was an electoral ally of the then unsplit ruling Congress Party of Mrs. Gandhi in the last 1977 polls but both were badly battered. The then ruling Congress Party for the first time lost the elections while the CPI was sharply reduced in strength in the lower house, securing only seven seats.

Mr. Rao noted that Mrs. Gandhi "is making the issue of a stable and strong government at the centre (federal level), headed by herself as the main plank of her elections campaign." In this she would as usual resort to a populist programme to attract different sections of population, he warned.

The other largest Communist Party of India, Marxist (CPM), which in policy is independent of both Moscow and Beijing, and its allies are the leftists. CPI has apparently been looking forward to joining forces with it. The CPM and its own group of allies are in power in alliance in West Bengal (capital Calcutta) and Tripura states, both in the north, while CPI is a partner in the ruling coalition in Kerala, in the south, excluding the CPM grouping.

The CPI has earlier officially admitted its mistake in having supported Mrs. Gandhi and is now engaged in establishing contacts with the CPM grouping with a view to opening a "third" front.

SUBRAMANIUM: CONGRESS, JANATA-S MERGER TALKS ARE GOING ON

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[Text] The Congress leader, Mr C. Subramanium, has said that the talks of a merger of the Congress and the Janata-S are going on. He said a concrete picture will emerge during the ensuing AICC [All India Congress Committee] session in Bangalore next month.

Mr Subramanium, who arrived in Madras today on a 2-day visit to the city, told newsmen that the Congress working committee is meeting in New Delhi on the 2d of next month. It will decide whether to invite the Janata-S leaders to attend the AICC session.

Mr Subramanium said that there are strong possibilities of the All-India Anna DMK [Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam] joining the new alliance. He said he will meet the tamil nadu chief minister, Mr M.G. Ramachandran today.

Mr Subramanium criticized the Congress-I for its demand to replace the caretaker government headed by Mr Charan Singh. He said it is wrong to say that a midterm poll will not be free and fair. He pointed out that Mrs Indira Gandhi was at the helm of power during the 1977 elections. The elections were free and fair and her own party was defeated.

27 Aug Meeting Held

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[Text] The first high level meeting between the leaders of the Congress and the Janata-S today reviewed the position of the two parties about the forthcoming general election.. The Congress president, Mr Swaran Singh, had a 40-minute meeting with the prime minister, Mr Charan Singh, in New Delhi today. He was accompanied by his party colleagues, Mr Y.B. Chavan, and Mr Brahmananda Reddy. The external affairs minister, Mr S.N. Mishra, was also present at the meeting for sometime.

Later, talking to newsmen Mr Swaran Singh said the meeting was in continuation of his earlier contacts with Mr. H.N. Bahuguna and Nr S.N. Mishra. He described the discussions as of general and preliminary character and said that there is now an understanding between the two parties that they should be partners together in the coming election.

Mr Swaran Singh said it is difficult to say now whether the two parties can combine together as one party. But a final view will emerge in the course of the next 2 weeks or so, he added.

VAJPAYEE WANTS PRESIDENT TO PUBLISH CRISIS MATERIAL

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[Text] The Janata Party leader, Mr Atal Bihari Vajpayee has demanded that the president, Mr Sanjiva Reddy should publish the entire correspondence between him and the various party leaders during the recent political crisis. Talking to newsmen in Rajkot, he said the president owes to the nation a detailed account as to why the unusual course of dissolving the Lok Sabha was adopted on the advice of Mr Charan Singh who could not face the very Lok Sabha even for a minute.

Mr Vajpayee said such an account is all the more necessary in view of the specific charges made in the joint statement of Mr Jagjivan Ram and the Janata Party president, Mr Chandra Shekhar about their meeting with the president on the 22nd of this month.

BRIEFS

SRI LANKA LOAN--An agreement to extend a credit of rupees 100 million to Sri Lanka to finance the export of capital and intermediate goods from India to Sri Lanka was signed in New Delhi on 22 August. R.N. Malhotra, additional secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, signed the agreement on behalf of the government of India and T.B. Panabokke, high commissioner for Sri Lanka in India, on behalf of Sri Lanka. The credit will carry a rate of interest of 5 percent and be repayable over a period of 15.5 years including a grace period of 3 years. It will finance purchases in India by Sri Lanka of a variety of capital and intermediate goods like vehicles of all kinds and related items, electrical and telecommunications equipment, industrial, agricultural, construction and general purpose machinery and railway equipment. [Text] [Delhi ISI Diplomatic Information Service in English 0905 GMT 23 Aug 79 BK]

CHOLERA OUTBREAK--New Delhi, 21 Aug. (AFP)--Over 30 people died of a cholera epidemic in the Uttar Pradesh town of Gonda during the past week, reports reaching here said. There have been over 200 cases of the disease in Gonda and surrounding areas. The reports said the people in the affected areas had become panicky, rushing to the government-run health centres to get themselves innoculated. [Hong Kong AFP in English 1030 GMT 21 Aug 79 BK]